



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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
Shelley Webber, Executive Coordinator

President Cross called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed Shelley Webber.

1. Agenda

On a motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by EA Representative Moglove,
That the agenda be adopted with the addition of 4 (b) MARS Water Bomber and the additional
correspondence being added was CARRIED

2. Reports and Administration

President's Update

Mayor Cross reported on the August 20 Island Corridor Foundation Via Rail Negotiations Update he and First Vice-President Solda attended. Members shared their view of activities and discussion being held in relation to the rail proposal. Mayor Cross also provided an update on discussions relative to the Motorized Scooter resolution noting that an amendment may be brought forward.

Staff Transition Planning

Staff briefly summarized the written report provided.

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Second Vice-President Price,
That the reports be received was CARRIED

3. UBCM Convention Planning

Derelict Vessels Update

On a motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That the July 23, 2013 correspondence from Minister Thomson and report be received was CARRIED

Gas Operating Agreement Update

Past President Stanhope advised that the Regional District of Nanaimo still has not been informed as to whether the meeting with the Ministers and/or Premier will be arranged noting that that if it is not granted during UBCM Convention that we follow-up immediately to find an alternate time. Staff advised that Jerry Berry and Paul Murray are scheduled to meet with Ministry of Environment staff on Tuesday, September 10 to provide an update in advance of the meeting with the Minister.

On a motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by Director Brame,
That the related correspondence and report be received was

CARRIED

Response Resolution LR3 – Contaminated Soil Facility

The importance of pursuing discussion in relation to changes to legislation to improve protection for watersheds was reiterated.

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by First Vice-President Solda,
That the report be received and that a copy of Minister Polak's response letter be forwarded to the Cowichan Valley Regional District and UBCM was

CARRIED

Request for Support: BC Ferries Resolution

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That the letter and report from Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be forwarded to members with a request for support was

CARRIED

Watershed Legislation

First Vice-President Solda advised that the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has requested a meeting with the Minister on this issue.

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Second Vice-President Price,
That Director Mostad attend the Monday UBCM Environment Workshop to raise the issue of the need for more indepth discussion on changes required to watershed legislation in light of the recent developments in private managed forest lands and that this item be placed on the October 25 AVICC Executive agenda for further discussion on next steps was

CARRIED

Rural BC Project

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Second Vice-President Price,
That EA Representative Marcotte and, pending availability, First Vice-President Solda will attend the Tuesday, September 17 UBCM Clinic on The Rural BC Project and report back to the October 25 AVICC Executive meeting as to recommended next steps was

CARRIED

Misc Updates – UBCM Convention

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Moglove,
That the report be received was

CARRIED

Past President Stanhope expressed his regrets and left the meeting.

4. Other Emergent Business

AVICC Representative on the Municipal Insurance Association of BC Board

On a motion by First Vice-President Solda, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That Mayor Cross' appointment as AVICC's representation to the MIA Board be extended for a
further 3 year terms was CARRIED

Mars Water Bomber

First Vice-President Solda advised that consideration was being given to replacing the Mars Water Bombers with a smaller model that may be more costly to operate and less capable than the current model expressing concern that communities may be being put at risk as a result.

On a motion by First Vice-President Solda, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That AVICC write a letter to the Minister, copied to AVICC MLA's and regional districts, UBCM, FCM
and Coulson Forest Products seeking more information on the plans being considered and rationale
for those considerations was CARRIED

5. Correspondence

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Second Vice-President Price,
That the correspondence be received was CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

11:00 am – 3:00 pm, October 25, 2013
Local Government House, Victoria, BC

At 9:40 am, EA Representative Marcotte moved and Second Vice-President Price seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Mayor Larry Cross
President

Shelley Webber
Executive Coordinator