



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Barbara Price, Comox, President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, First Vice President
Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley RD, Second Vice President
Councillor Jessie Hemphill, Port Hardy, Director at Large
Councillor Carl Jensen, Central Saanich, Director at Large
Mayor Josie Osborne, Tofino, Director at Large
Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona RD, EA Representative
Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, Past President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

President Price called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. anticipating that EA Representative Anderson would join the teleconference in due course.

AGENDA

On motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by Director Grieve,
That the agenda be adopted as distributed was CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

2015-16 Meeting Schedule

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Jensen,
That the meeting schedule as presented be approved was CARRIED

Director Hemphill noted that she would be attending the June 18 meeting via teleconference.

POLICY

Identification of Priorities

President Price welcomed all to a new year and asked members to identify their top 2-3 priority issues. The following topics were identified:

- Review of the role of the AVICC (the traditional role, the role of connector and sharer of best practices, and within the context of greater First Nations involvement)
- Derelict vessels
- Food security and the related issue of procurement policies for institutions
- Protection of drinking water and watersheds
- Advocacy for the tools and legislative changes required to harmonize the legislation governing regional districts
- Solid waste management

On motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by First Vice President Marcotte,
That discussion of the role of the AVICC be placed on the June agenda was

CARRIED

EA Representative Anderson joined the teleconference.

Private Managed Forest Lands

Consensus was to distribute a communication to members to provide an update on the file and seek feedback from members on strategies that they have used successfully to deal with challenges locally so that they might be shared with other members.

A letter of invitation is to be extended to Brian Epps for a delegation from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to meet with Executive at the June meeting to discuss moving forward with the proposed stakeholder group.

Past President Stanhope advised that he would be able to report at the June meeting on the Regional District of Nanaimo's May 7 Managed Forest Council information session.

AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management

Staff advised that the first meeting has been scheduled for May 14, 9-10 am via teleconference with all nine regional districts being represented though the Sunshine Coast Regional District representative is able to attend only the first 20 minutes due to other commitments. President Price will chair the first meeting.

Past President Stanhope raised the issue of representation advising that the resolution from Nanaimo Regional District intended that both representatives would be attending meetings. Staff noted that at least one other regional district had inquired about having the alternate attend the meetings. Executive suggested the Committee discuss the issue at the May 14 meeting and that the alternates be invited to attend that meeting.

On motion by Past President Stanhope, seconded by First Vice President Marcotte,
That the selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management be postponed until the first in-person meeting was

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The following agenda items/delegations are to be included on the June 18 agenda:

- Role of AVICC
- Role of RD's within the Community Charter
- Delegation from FLNRO
- Delegation by Sandra Hamilton, North Island College on topic of research she is conducting in the Comox Valley relative to food security

Tim Pringle's attendance at the June Executive meeting to discuss the report he authored on *Managing Residential Oil Heat Systems in the Capital Regional District* was postponed to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by First Vice President Marcotte, seconded by Past President Stanhope,
That the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Councillor Barbara Price
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator