



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AVICC Members

**FROM:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Past President

**DATE:** August 24, 2015

**RE: Update on Natural Gas Operating Agreement**

Your Executive is pleased to advise that all agreements with eligible municipalities within AVICC have now been approved by the BCUC, and that the 3% fee on gas supplied with your municipality will begin to be collected as of September 01, 2015. Revised revenue projections for monies collected in 2015 and to be paid in 2016 are attached.

This marks the successful conclusion of a process initiated over four years ago with the aim of correcting an historic inequity within AVICC that occurred, without consultation, in 1987. This successful conclusion results from the perseverance and dedication of many parties over the years. In particular, I should like to single out the role played by the City of Nanaimo in leading the charge, and never forgetting what was lost; or ever giving up seeking redress over the decades.

More recently, it has been the cohesiveness and resolve of the entire AVICC membership working towards a shared strategic goal that has resulted in this positive outcome. It shows what can be done with a shared common vision, a well thought out implementation plan and a sustained and focused effort.

As the lead political appointee on this file, it is my pleasure to have served you and I am proud of what we have collectively accomplished here.

Thank you

Joe Stanhope