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Re: AVICC Member Update – December 2014

Please forward to Elected Officials and the CAO:

Appointment of Acting Directors at Large

Nine candidates put their names forward to serve as Acting Director at Large to fill the four vacancies created by the November 15 elections. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

Executive is pleased to advise that the following members have been appointed as Acting Director at Large to serve the remainder of the 2014-15 term:

- Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District
- Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
- Mayor Josie Osborne, District of Tofino and Chair of Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Director Colin Palmer, Powell River Regional District

Elected Officials Seminar

Attached is a reminder from LGLA of the importance of attending one of the LGLA Elected Official Seminars. Although the Parksville sessions are both over subscribed and registration has been closed, AVICC members are still welcome to sign up for the Small, Large or Electoral Area sessions in Richmond. I am advised that there is room in those sessions.

2015 AGM & Convention

Please ensure that you are holding **April 10-12, 2015** in your calendar as the AVICC Executive and Courtenay Mayor Larry Jangula and Council will be looking forward to seeing you in Courtenay. Program and registration information will be sent out to members in the last week of January.

Thank you to members who submitted presentation proposals for the 2015 AGM & Convention by the December 12 deadline. Executive is looking forward to reviewing the proposals at their January 15 meeting.

Best wishes to everyone for the holidays.

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2015 ELECTED OFFICIALS SEMINARS

WE WANT YOU TO ATTEND AN ELECTED OFFICIALS SEMINAR!

You sat on boards and committees before you ran for election. You attended your community's council or board meetings before you campaigned. Maybe you've been elected before; maybe you're even a veteran elected official. So why should you attend an LGLA Elected Officials Seminar? What more do you have to learn? A lot, you may be surprised to find out. Read on for details about the seminars and answers to some common questions...

The Local Government Leadership Academy's Elected Officials Seminars are held only in the year immediately following local government elections. Established specifically to fill the void in training and leadership development opportunities for elected officials, there is no other group fulfilling this function as comprehensively as the LGLA.

We recruit the best speakers from around the province to share their experience and wisdom with you. Whether you are newly elected and need to learn the basics of local government law, finance, planning, meeting procedures, media relations, etc. or a seasoned elected official heading into your third or fourth term and in need of a refresher or advanced instruction in some of these same topics, we have something for you.

Delegates to the seminars will attend inspiring plenary sessions and networking events together – giving everyone a chance to meet new people, learn from one another, and share the kinds of stories and experiences that only elected officials can. Newly elected folks will follow a stream designed to introduce them to the fundamentals of local governance, and returning elected will attend sessions that go beyond the basics.

In 2012, 96% of delegates in attendance gave the EOS a good to excellent rating! You don't want to miss this chance to prepare yourself for your term of office. Invest the time now to ensure that you will be the best local government leader you can be in the coming four years.

A few common questions about the Elected Officials Seminars:

1) Are the EOS just for newly elected officials?

No...we have targeted instructional streams for newly elected and returning elected officials. The EOS offers something valuable for everyone.

2) What if I can't attend the event scheduled for my area?

Along with five regional events (Kelowna, Parksville 1&2, Prince George and Kimberley) we have events in Richmond for Small Communities, Large Urban Communities and Electoral Areas. The program is essentially the same, so pick the event that works best for you.

3) What's the difference between the various events?

While the basic program is the same, the events in the regions will call on local panelists and mentors, and the presenters in Richmond will focus more on issues of relevance to the size or type of local government represented at each event.

4) Will the experience be worth the time and taxpayer dollars invested?

Yes...whatever time and money you invest in your understanding of the intricacies of local governance and in strategies for effective leadership will pay off in spades throughout your term of office. This is nothing less than the best investment you can make in yourself and your community.

Check out the EOS program (<http://lgla.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/2015-EOS-Program-at-a-Glance.pdf>) and register (<http://lgla.ca/events/2015-eos/>) now...spaces are filling up quickly!

If you have questions about any of the seminars please contact Errin Morrison, Program Manager, at emorrison@lgla.ca.