



**MINUTES OF AN ELECTRONIC MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
ENDING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012**

RESPONDENTS:

Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President
Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First Vice-President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative
Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, Director at Large
Mayor Graham Hill, View Royal, Director at Large
Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD, Director at Large
Councillor Barbara Price, Comox, Director at Large

An electronic meeting was initiated on February 10, 2012 with a closing date of 4:30 am, Wednesday, February 15 to determine whether the following two resolutions should be sponsored by the AVICC Executive for consideration at the 2012 AVICC AGM & Convention:

Resolution #1 - FARM MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS

WHEREAS it is important to ensure that information about local farming practices is shared in the farming community;

AND WHEREAS local expertise on soils, crops and land improvements is being lost as farmers and provincial government staff retire.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request that the Ministry of Agriculture develop agricultural advisory services to promote mentorship programs and peer to peer networking programs that will encourage local farmers to share their expertise with new farmers coming into the industry.

Resolution #2 – VANCOUVER ISLAND SPINE TRAIL

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia wishes to enhance tourism and citizen use of our unique wilderness areas, and to provide new trails throughout British Columbia;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Spine Trail is a proposed non-motorized multi-use wilderness trail the length of Vancouver Island, that links 150 km of existing regional trails into a continuous long-distance route of about 700 km;

AND WHEREAS this trail traverses land over which First Nations, Regional Districts and Municipalities have jurisdiction and AVICC is the body representing these Regional Districts and Municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC endorses in principle the concept of the Vancouver Island Spine Trail.

Members were asked to respond to with one of the following five options:

1. I agree with both resolutions as they have been written, and that they should be sponsored by the AVICC Executive for debate at the April Convention.
2. I agree with Resolution #1 only; and that it should be sponsored by AVICC Executive for debate at the April Convention.
3. I agree with Resolution #2 only; and that it should be sponsored by AVICC Executive for debate at the April Convention.
4. I agree with both the resolutions in principle, but suggest the following changes: (please identify)
5. Other: (please identify)

Results of the Electronic Meeting:

Eight members responded with “#1 - I agree with both resolutions as they have been written, and that they should be sponsored by the AVICC Executive for debate at the April Convention”. As a result, the resolutions titled Farm Mentorship Programs And Vancouver Island Spine Trail will be included in the 2012 AVICC Resolution Process.

Chair Joe Stanhope
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator