



**MINUTES OF AN ELECTRONIC MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE  
ENDING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**RESPONDENTS:**

Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President  
Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First 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  
Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD, Director at Large  
Gary Steeves, Trustee, Islands Trust, Director at Large

**NO RESPONSE:**

Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, Director at Large

An electronic meeting was initiated on Friday, February 22, 2013 with a closing date of 4:30 pm, Monday, February 25 to determine whether the following resolution should be sponsored by the AVICC Executive for consideration at the 2013 AVICC AGM & Convention:

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

WHEREAS the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Schlenker v. Torgrimson*, 2013 BCCA 9 broadened the interpretation of the conflict of interest provisions under sections 100 and 101 of the *Community Charter*, determining that a local government elected official who also serves on the board of directors of a non-profit organization is deemed to have an indirect pecuniary conflict of interest when voting on grants offered by the local government to non-profit organizations;

AND WHEREAS this broadened interpretation of the conflict of interest provisions has significant implications for those local government elected officials who also serve on the board of a non-profit organization, since contravention of the conflict of interest provisions could result in disqualification from local government elected office:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work with UBCM to identify a remedy that clarifies the responsibilities and suggested conduct of local government elected officials who serve on the boards of non-profit organizations, so that they may continue to serve in both positions concurrently, without fear of disqualification from local government elected office due to conflict of interest.

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

1. I agree with the resolution as proposed, that it should be sponsored by AVICC Executive, and included for debate at the April, 2013 AVICC AGM & Convention.
2. I agree that a resolution on this issue should be included for debate at the April, 2013 AVICC AGM & Convention; but would propose the following amendments which should be discussed at the March 8 Executive teleconference meeting for discussion.
3. I do not support AVICC Executive sponsoring a resolution on this issue.

**Results of the Electronic Meeting:**

Seven members responded with “#1 - I agree with the resolution as proposed, that it should be sponsored by AVICC Executive, and included for debate at the April, 2013 AVICC AGM & Convention. One member did not respond.

As a result, the resolution titled Conflict of Interest will be included in the 2013 AVICC Resolution Process.

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Chair Joe Stanhope  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator