



**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE  
HELD AT THE NANAIMO REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE  
6300 HAMMOND BAY ROAD, NANAIMO  
JUNE 20, 2012**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President  
Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First Vice-President  
Councillor Cindy Solda, Second 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  
Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust, Director at Large

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

President Joe Stanhope called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Chair Palmer arrived at 11:30 am as a result of a road delay.

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Second Vice President Solda, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the minutes of April 12, 15 and May 14, 2012 be adopted and the minutes of the April 13-15, 2012  
AGM & Convention be received was CARRIED

**2. REPORTS**

President's Report

President Stanhope briefly reported on activities related to the FortisBC application currently before the BCUC, the Island Corridor Foundation and its funding application to ICET, a meeting with Sean Herbert on further consultation with local governments on their needs being incorporated into the application process, and recent attendance at the FCM Convention.

Staff will follow-up with FortisBC regarding the implications of the current BCUC application and work being undertaken to incorporate the ability to charge operating fees into renewal agreements for Oak Bay and Esquimalt who have Evergreen agreements and report back to members.

Staff Report

Staff referred members to the report distributed in the documentation package.

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by First Vice-President Cross,  
That the reports be received was CARRIED

**3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION**

Financials to May 31, 2012

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and responded to questions arising. In follow-up staff will email members the last agreement signed relative to the Treaty Advisory Committee Deferred

Revenue.

On a motion by Second Vice-President Solda, seconded by Director Brame,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

#### Dues Status Report

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by First Vice-President Cross,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

#### Appointment of Auditor for 2012

On a motion by Second Vice-President Solda, seconded by Director Brame,  
That KPMG be appointed as auditors for the 2012 audit was CARRIED

#### Appointment of Revenue Canada Business Contact

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Second Vice-President Solda,  
That Kathleen Spalek, UBCM Manager, Finance and Corporate Operations, be appointed as the AVICC  
business contact with the Canada Revenue Agency with Level 1 Authorization allowing CRA to  
disclose information only was CARRIED

### **4. CONVENTION**

#### 2012 AVICC AGM & Convention Delegate Feedback

The feedback was reviewed. Executive were pleased with the overall response to the Convention.  
Sponsorship practices were discussed with the consensus being that no changes will be made at this  
time.

On a motion by First Vice-President Cross, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the report be received and that the identified recommendations and feedback provided in the  
discussion be incorporated into the plans for the coming year's AGM & Convention was CARRIED

#### 2013 AGM & Convention Planning

Executive identified potential sources of keynote speakers including those identified in prior years  
and approaching Royal Roads University for potential speakers. Director Steeves to forward contact  
information for Henry McCandless. The pros and cons of local governments using social media was  
identified as a potential concurrent session.

Executive commented on the importance of partners being able to attend the Welcome Reception  
and that the proposal for the logging show and salmon dinner might better suit being held as a lunch  
as opposed to the Saturday evening banquet dinner which is typically a more formal occasion.

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the report be received and that the feedback provided be incorporated into the planning for the  
coming year's AGM & Convention was CARRIED

#### Proposals – 2014-16 Host Community

Executive briefly reviewed the joint submission from Town of Qualicum Beach and City of Parksville  
and the proposal from District of Oak Bay.

On a motion by Director Steeves, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the proposals be received and acknowledged; that staff be authorized to conduct a site visit and meet with each host community committee in advance of Executive recommending the host community location award; and that the current process be extended by inviting additional expressions of interest for all three years with a deadline of September 30 was CARRIED

#### Planning for the Area Association Luncheon at the UBCM Convention

On a motion by First Vice-President Cross, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That the proposed agenda for the luncheon be approved was CARRIED

### **5. POLICY ISSUES**

Delegation – Graham Knox, Manager, Environmental Emergencies, Ministry of Environment  
President Stanhope welcomed Graham Knox at 1:00 pm. A number of key issues were discussed including spill recovery, planning for handling of tsunami debris and the lack of progress in resolving the derelict vessel problem. The discussion noted the following key points:

- Funding for management and handling of tsunami and marine debris was identified as an issue that needs attention.
- Although there is no funding for local government to attend spills in other jurisdictions to observe and learn, invitations to participate are extended whenever possible.
- The issue of whether there is compensation available for aftermath/impact of spills (i.e. loss of the use of a beach/loss of tourism) once immediate cleanup has been completed was identified with response noting that there is a claim process, but there are limits of liability.
- There may be benefit for Graham Knox to participate on the Joint Working Group for Removal of Derelict Vessels.

#### 2012 Resolutions Disposition

On a motion by First Vice-President Cross, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That the report be received, that sponsors be advised of the action to be taken, that a letter be written to the Minister Blair Lekstrom, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to communicate AVICC's endorsement of the B4-Bamfield Road Safety Issues resolution and B4A – British Columbia Transit Act resolutions seeking a response, and no action need to be taken at this time on the Vancouver Island Spine Trail resolution was CARRIED

#### Derelict Vessels

On a motion by First Vice-President Cross, seconded by Director Brame,  
That the correspondence be received, that a meeting with Minister Thomson at the UBCM Convention be requested and that this item be brought forward to the October 26 Executive meeting for review of the Fact Sheet and the Transport Canada Study Results was CARRIED

#### FortisBC Gas Operating Agreement Negotiations

On a motion by First Vice-President Cross, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the report and related correspondence be received was CARRIED

As noted under the Presidents Report, staff will follow-up with FortisBC regarding the implications of the current BCUC application and work being undertaken to incorporate the ability to charge

operating fees into renewal agreements for Oak Bay and Esquimalt who have Evergreen agreements and report back to members.

#### Island Corridor Foundation

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Director Palmer,  
That the report be received was

CARRIED

#### Aquaculture Agreement

On a motion by Director Steeves, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the report be received and that support be given to the Province to establish a small working group with a recommendation that AVICC identify 2-3 local government staff representatives from areas where aquaculture operations are already established was

CARRIED

#### Tsunami Debris Management

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Second Vice-President Solda,  
That the report be received, an update be sent to AVICC members providing the May 31 Tsunami Debris Coordinating Committee Update and the Public Information Sheet and advising of local government representation, and that Resolution R11 – Tsunami Debris to Hit West Coast in 2014 be amended before the June 30 UBCM deadline as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that coastal communities on Vancouver Island which may be impacted by the tsunami debris from Japan be involved in any federal/provincial planning processes, including representation on the Provincial Tsunami Debris Working Group that has been developed by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and that a funding strategy be developed to offset potential costs to local governments

Was

CARRIED

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) April 12, 2012 – Copy of ACRD Letter to Federal and Provincial Elected Officials  
Re: Catalyst Paper Letter of Support
- b) April 18, 2012 – Gil Parker, President, VI Spine Trail Association  
Re: Thank You for Executive Support of Resolution and Complimentary Booth

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Director Brame,  
That the correspondence be received was

CARRIED

#### Delegation – Greg Goodwin, Executive Director, Regional Economic Policy and Projects, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation

President Stanhope welcomed Greg Goodwin by teleconference at 2:30 pm. Mr. Goodwin provided a brief update of some of the specifics of the jobs plan/strategies for the island and coastal communities noting that he would forward a more complete update report following the meeting (see [http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/wp-content/uploads/6\\_Month\\_Progress\\_Report.pdf](http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/wp-content/uploads/6_Month_Progress_Report.pdf)). Discussion of some key issues followed. The discussion noted the following key points:

- In terms of barriers, the commitment to low tax and regulation with new Net Zero policy on new regulation was identified. Executive noted the significant issue of ferry costs and service levels
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not only in relation to tourism, but the competitive issue of the costs for businesses to get goods on/off the island and the impact on ability to attract employees.

- The importance that the strategies and initiatives being undertaken by the Province consider the needs of small communities, employers and businesses was identified.
- The fall Trade and Investment Representative Road Show will include Campbell River in October; Director Solda noted that Port Alberni would like to be included as they would like to market their Port capacity.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by EA Representative Solda,  
That the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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Chair Joe Stanhope  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator