

Distributed to AVICC Members March 7, 2013

Re: City of Victoria - Reducing Default Speed Limits for Municipal Roads Resolution

Please forward to AVICC elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Secretary.

Attached is correspondence from Mayor Dean Fortin, City of Victoria regarding a resolution they are sponsoring titled Reducing Default Speed Limits for Municipal Roads.

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To all AVICC Member municipalities:

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Reducing Default Speed Limits for Municipal Roads

The City of Victoria has forwarded a motion regarding reducing speed limits to be discussed at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) convention on April 12-14, 2013. Please find a copy of the motion attached.

On behalf of the Council of the City of Victoria, I would like to encourage a dialogue at your Council table regarding traffic safety initiatives and invite motions of support for the resolution. It is our hope that with the combined voice of many local governments the resolution to reduce default speed limits for municipal roads will be supported at the AVICC convention and be forwarded onto a wider debate at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention in September.

We appreciate your support during the resolutions debate at the convention.

Sincerely,

Dean Fortin
MAYOR

REDUCING DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS FOR MUNICIPAL ROADS

Victoria

WHEREAS local governments are concerned about resident safety on municipal streets, and lower vehicle speeds reduce the severity of injuries to pedestrians in vehicle/pedestrian collisions;

AND WHEREAS consistent province-wide speed limits promote driver awareness and ease enforcement between municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to limit the default speed limit on a highway in a municipality to 40 km/h.