



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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
Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD, Director at Large
Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust, Director at Large

ABSENT: Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

President Stanhope called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The agenda was adopted by consensus.

MEMBERS IDENTIFICATION OF KEY PRIORITY ISSUES

Members identified their key priority issues:

Director Palmer: Oil spill preparedness; federal/provincial regional plans for aquaculture
EA Rep Marcotte: Farming issues; electoral area boundary extensions
1st Vice President Cross: Oil spill and tsunami debris preparedness; aquaculture follow-up
2nd Vice President Solda: Oil spill and tsunami debris preparedness; job strategies; second highway
Director Steeves: Marine issues (oil spill and tsunami debris preparedness and derelict vessels)
Director Brame: Transportation (bus, E&N, Malahat closures); island-wide tourism strategy
President Stanhope: Derelict vessels; aquaculture; ferries

Discussion on the ferries issue led to agreement that next April's Convention would be an excellent timing point for Commissioner Macatee to address delegates on the issue; however, the May provincial election may impact his ability to present depending on whether the position is considered to be independent of government; the alternative would be to invite him come to the January Executive meeting.

2012-13 MEETING SCHEDULE

The remainder of the 2012-13 meeting schedule was approved as follows:

- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday, June 20, 2012 (Nanaimo)
- 9-10 am, Friday, September 7, 2012 (Teleconference)
- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday, October 26, 2012 (Nanaimo)
- 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday, January 18, 2013 (Nanaimo)
- 9-10 am, Friday, March 8, 2013 (Teleconference)
- 12:30 – 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 11, 2013 (Sooke)

There was agreement that the location and start time of the in-person meetings may be adapted.

JUNE MEETING AGENDA PLANNING

Regular agenda items would typically include updates on identified prioritized topics such as Derelict Vessels, the Island Corridor Foundation and FortisBC Operating Agreement Renewal. Based on the priorities identified above, Tsunami Debris Planning, Oil Spill Preparedness and Aquaculture Planning would be added.

Interests for delegations to be invited to the June meeting were:

- Invitation to Greg Goodwin, Jobs, Tourism and Innovation to gain more details about the jobs strategies being undertaken for the island and coastal communities.
- Invitation to staff in the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to discuss issues related to water shed planning in relation to lands managed by private forest land managers like Island Timberlands and availability of provincial funding currently available.
- Follow-up to the Oil Spill Preparedness session to obtain more details about the strategies and planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Chair Joe Stanhope
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator