

Sent to AVICC Members: May 2, 2012

Re: Follow-up to AVICC Annual General Meeting

Please forward this message to elected officials and the chief administrative officer.

Good morning:

I hope that you had an enjoyable trip home from Ucluelet. Preliminary review of the delegate feedback forms confirmed what we were hearing onsite that this was one of the best Conventions to date. Thank you again to the District of Ucluelet.

Attached is a communication from Graham Bruce, Chief Operating Officer, Island Corridor Foundation as a follow up informational piece from his presentation.

By end of this week, I expect that I will be able to upload all of the Power Point presentations that I have access to on the website. The minutes will be distributed to all members by approximately mid-June.

As you may have been aware, we had a local Ucluelet photographer, Landon Sveinson, taking some photos during the Ucluelet Convention. They have now been uploaded to www.AVICC.ca here <http://avicc.ca/newsroom-2/photos/>

The following AVICC members were elected to the Executive for the 2012-13 term:

- Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD (President)
- Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney (First Vice President)
- Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni (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 Regional District (Director-at-Large)
- Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust (Director-at-Large)

You may contact Executive through the AVICC office at 250-356-5122 or by email to avicc@ubcm.ca or directly (contact information is located here <http://avicc.ca/about-the-avicc/governance/>).

AVICC Executive meets four times per year in person and two to three times via teleconference as necessary. The tentative meeting schedule is:

- 9-10 am, Monday, May 14, 2012 (Teleconference)
- June TBD (2nd or 3rd week)
- 9-10 am, Friday, September 7, 2012 (Teleconference)
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, October 26, 2012
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, January 18, 2013
- 9-10 am, Friday, March 8, 2013 (Teleconference)
- 12:30 – 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 11, 2013

Once the schedule has been confirmed, it will be posted on the website. Should there be items that members would like to bring forward, please direct requests by EM to avicc@ubcm.ca, fax at 250-356-5119 or mail to 525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8.

Regards, Iris

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May 1st 2012
Greetings

Re: Bridge & Trestle Funding Applications

The Board of Directors of ICF would like to thank you for the tremendous support you have shown in securing the \$15 million federal/provincial rail infrastructure investment for our Island railroad.

As mentioned at the recent AVICC conference at Ucluelet, ICF is fortunate in having already completed the bridge and trestle engineering audit due to the provinces cooperation in releasing the necessary funding last September.

The comprehensive engineering audit of the 48 bridges and trestles between Victoria and Courtenay were in better condition than anticipated. The study lays out what improvements are required for each of the weight loadings of passenger, 263kip and 286kip, (these are freight measurements), and what needs to be done immediately, over 10 years, 20 years and 30 years.

The analysis determined that the 48 structures would require \$34 million over 30 years of structural and maintenance upgrades. Note this includes a \$10 million risk contingency. The ICF Board considered this very good news. Even more so when one takes in to account the replacement value of the bridges is well over \$100 million.

Most importantly the immediate and 10 year works totalled \$5.4 million. This will ensure 10 years of passenger rail service between Victoria and Courtenay and allow our rail operator, Southern Rail of Vancouver Island, (SVI) to aggressively promote expanded rail freight service.

SVI will be responsible for \$500K leaving \$4.9 million to be found within the five regional districts that are part owners of the rail corridor.

To this end an application of \$3.7 million has been submitted to the Island Coastal Economic Trust representing four of the five regional district owners. The remaining \$1.2 million will be sought through the Capital Regional District gas tax funding.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and endorsement of the applications and encouragement to colleagues who will be making the ICET and CRD decisions. In essence each of the five regional districts is leveraging \$15 million with less than a one million dollar contribution from special purpose funds.

I am available to answer any questions or deal with concerns you may have either by email islandrail@shaw.ca or 250 246 4320.

Yours Truly

Graham Bruce, Chief Operating Officer