



**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  
OCTOBER 19, 2012**

- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, 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
- REGRETS:** Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First Vice-President
- STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator
- GUESTS:** Toni O’Keeffe, Vice President & Chief, Communications and External Relations, Vancouver Island Health Authority  
James Terry, Board Member, Tourism Industry Association of BC

President Joe Stanhope called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Delegation - Toni O’Keeffe, Vice President & Chief, Communications and External Relations, Vancouver Island Health Authority

President Stanhope welcomed Toni O’Keeffe at 11:00 who provided a broad overview of the operations and issues facing VIHA with strategies and plans for the future. Executive members raised a number of issues including VIHA wait times as compared to other regions; strategies to recruit and retain doctors and prevent poaching from one health authority to another; extending of public health professionals’ work schedules to allow for work with community organizations; contacts for partnering to deal with homelessness; and connecting world class facilities with support for training programs.

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the minutes of June 20, September 7 and September 27, 2012 be adopted was CARRIED

**2. REPORTS**

President’s Report

President Stanhope reported on recent activity that has focussed on work related to derelict vessels and gas operating agreement renewal.

Staff Report

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

On a motion by Second Vice-President Solda, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the reports be received was CARRIED

### 3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

#### Financials to September 30, 2012

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

Director Steeves sought and received members' agreement to consider a draft policy or guidelines related to sponsorship if he were to bring it forward.

#### First Nations Membership

On motion by Second Vice-President Solda, seconded by Director Brame,  
That AVICC engage the appropriate legal professionals, in the most cost-effective manner possible, to undertake the required work needed to bring forward to the membership at the next AGM & Convention an amendment in the Bylaws that will allow membership for First Nations and that the criteria for membership would be the same as currently required by both UBCM and NCLGA:

- (a) elected representation;
- (b) ability to tax;
- (c) ability to exercise regulatory power or provide local services;
- (d) must make application to join the Association; and
- (e) pay the Association's annual dues.

Was CARRIED

### 4. CONVENTION

#### 2012 UBCM Convention and AVICC Luncheon

Feedback included:

- Importance of locating Ministers' meetings as close to Convention venue as possible;
- Use of "clickers" is a significant improvement to process
- The ability to pull a resolution from the block is important; make process as easy as possible
- The "Pro" and "Con" microphones is valuable in expediting the resolutions process

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Second Vice-President Solda,  
That President Stanhope, Director Moglove and staff communicate feedback that has been provided to UBCM for incorporation into future years' planning was CARRIED

President Stanhope excused himself from the meeting at approximately 1:00 pm. Second Vice-President Solda assumed the Chair.

#### 2013 AGM & Convention Planning

*Keynote Speaker:*

Director Steeves advised that Henry McCandless has moved out of province. Staff will circulate for feedback the proposals received from Royal Roads. Director Steeves also recommended Ramona de Graaf, Marine Biologist with the Bamfield Marine Centre as a result of a recent presentation at a Pender Island Conservancy event. A presentation by Vaughn Palmer would also be well timed in relation to the May Provincial election.

*Other Presentations:*

The proposal for a presentation by Thierry Vrain on the impact of genetically modified seed and plants on the agricultural sector of BC was identified as a possible consideration for a Saturday workshop. Other ideas included:

- Discussion of issues facing paid and voluntary fire departments – local government perspective
- Panel on Raven Coal Mine (industry, environment, rail, jobs)
- Issue regarding Canadian vs overseas jobs arising from Asia Pacific initiative
- Toni O’Keeffe, VIHA
- Pros and Cons of Paperless Council/Board Meetings

Director Palmer will forward the name of the presenter he recently heard speak on coastal fibre supply.

Consensus was that presentations should focus on the general theme of looking forward and what can be done to be proactive.

*Networking and Partner Events:*

Staff noted the plan to use a tent or draping of the patio to increase the capacity required for the Welcome Reception and that costs would be associated with that plan. Executive supported the proposal to have the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra provide the banquet entertainment.

*Pre-Convention Program:*

A variety of ideas for the pre-convention program were discussed:

- Walk in the Woods Private Forestry Tour
- Community Association “Logging Show and Lunch”
- Study Tour of the Beecher Bay Sewage Treatment Facility
- Study Tour of the Sooke First Nations Solar Energy Plant
- Healthy Forests-Healthy Community Presentation
- Study Tour of the Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society’s Charter Creek Project

Consensus was that a couple of ideas could be put together to form a program concluding with the “Logging Show and Lunch”.

President Stanhope rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

*Resolutions and Nominations:*

Executive supported the recommendations put forward to improve the resolutions process, but requested that the language be revised to focus on the value of having resolutions endorsed by AVICC in advance of being presented to UBCM.

President Stanhope advised that he would not be seeking re-election and therefore would be able to fill the role of Nominating Committee Chair.

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Steeves, That the reports be received; the feedback provided be incorporated into the planning for the coming year’s AGM & Convention; that Monday, February 25, 2013 be set as the Resolutions and Nominations deadline and notices to members be distributed electronically and by regular mail November 1 with electronically distributed reminders at the beginning of January and February, 2013; and further that President Stanhope be appointed as Nominating Committee Chair was CARRIED

### Proposals – 2014-16 Host Community

Executive reviewed the staff report on proposals received to date. Consensus was that the President and staff should meet with Oak Bay to discuss their proposal.

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That Executive recommends to the membership that the host community for the AVICC AGM & Convention for 2014 be awarded to Parksville/Qualicum Beach and that the decision for 2015 and 2016 be deferred to allow for additional options to be considered was CARRIED

## **5. POLICY ISSUES**

### Derelict Vessels

The related letter under 6 (a) of Correspondence from Minister Thomson was discussed noting that our request for meeting is waiting on the availability of the Transport Canada survey report being released.

On a motion by Director Steeves, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

### Aquaculture Agreement

On a motion by Director Steeves, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

### Tsunami Debris Management

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

### Other Priority Issues

Executive provided updates on key priority areas including:

- Director Steeves reported on Islands Trust Council's recent participation in an oil spill preparedness exercise with Bowen Island Municipality noting the limitation of the response requirements.
- Director Palmer reported on recent meetings he was involved in discussing BC Ferries issues including: with Commissioner Gordon Macatee, with the new Transportation Minister Mary Polak and a meeting involving 7 RD Chairs and the consultant Judy Kirk held to obtain feedback on a proposed public engagement/consultation process noting a number of concerns being raised.
- Discussion of the Island Corridor Foundation's request to regional districts for funding necessary for bridge repairs.
- The need for clarification on the process involved in electoral area boundary extensions currently affecting both the Cowichan Valley Regional District and City of Campbell River. Director Moglove to forward documentation on process to staff for distribution to members.

### Abandoned Tire Recycling Facility Near Port Alberni

On motion by First Vice-President Solda, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That a strongly worded letter be written to Minister Thomson asking for his support in cleaning up this problem site was CARRIED

Delegation – James Terry, Board Member Tourism Industry of BC on Topic of the Provincial Destination Marketing Task Force

At 2:30 pm, James Terry joined the meeting via teleconference to provide a brief overview of the history and reason for establishing the task force that has resulted in the key principles and recommendations contained in the August 31, 2012 TIABC PDMO Task Force Communiqué. Questions arising included whether the issue of ferries has been raised, the reduction of tourism marketing funding, the support of industry for TIABC, and membership from the island on both TIABC and the PDMO Task Force.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) September 4, 2012 – Minister Steve Thomson  
Re: Response to Request for Meeting on Derelict Vessels
- b) September 14, 2012 – Minister Rich Coleman  
Re: Response to Request for Meeting on Gas Operating Agreement Issues
- c) September 28, 2012 – Minister Bill Bennett  
Re: Reconnecting in Role of Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development

On a motion by Director Palmer, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the correspondence be received was

CARRIED

**7. INFORMATION**

Second Vice-President Solda provided Executive with changes occurring at the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District in light of the recent passing of Chair Wong.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None arising.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Mid-November TBA – Teleconference to Consider Endorsement of Gas Operating Pro-Forma Agreement
- January 18, 2013 – Nanaimo

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Palmer,  
That the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Chair Joe Stanhope  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator