



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD IN THE LANGFORD ROOM OF
THE VICTORIA CONVENTION CENTRE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012**

- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative
Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, Director at Large
Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD, Director at Large
Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt, Director at Large
- REGRETS:** Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First Vice-President
Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust, Director at Large
- STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator
- GUESTS:** Carol Greaves, FortisBC
Gord Schoberg, FortisBC
Jerry Berry, FortisBC
Doug Holmes, Nanaimo City
Councillor Steve Price, Sidney

Chair Stanhope called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 pm. The meeting was held at the request of FortisBC. A revised agenda was distributed.

Jerry Berry, consultant with FortisBC, provided some opening remarks including acknowledging the work of municipal and AVICC staff, conveying appreciation for the level of support from island communities and businesses that has been gathered, expressing cautious optimism that Garth Thoroughgood would be able to convey to Minister Coleman and staff the importance of the sequencing and support for the legislative changes that will be required, and the hope that there would still be an opportunity to meet with the Minister. Director Moglove advised that she had been able to raise the issue during their municipalities' meeting with the Minister.

Doug Holmes advised that the legal review of the agreement template by both parties was progressing well, but is not expected to be completed until November. Once the review has been completed, AVICC Executive will be asked to endorse the agreement template and recommend that all eligible AVICC members endorse and sign the new pro-forma agreement.

In responding to Director Brame's inquiry about being able to bring Esquimalt and Oak Bay who have evergreen agreements under the provision of the new agreement, Gord Schoberg advised that although Fortis BC has investigated the issue thoroughly that it is not going to be possible.

FortisBC reported that they are hopeful that BCUC will be able to make their decision by the end of the year and that current submissions to BCUC, of which 89% provide support for the application, will have a positive impact in the decision-making process.

On motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Second Vice-President Solda,
That the AVICC Executive convene after the legal review of the agreement (likely November 2012) to
consider endorsing a motion to recommend to their members that all eligible municipal members
endorse and sign the new pro-forma agreement was CARRIED

There was agreement that an update to members should be provided when the timing and process
of the legal review has been clarified. The need for continued building of awareness and
development of a political lobby when required was reiterated.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm.

Chair Joe Stanhope
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator