

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

2013 AGM & CONVENTION

Sooke, BC
April 12-14, 2013



The District of Sooke is this year's host community. Sooke is surrounded by beautiful beaches, parks, picnic areas, hiking trails, and kilometers of scenic coastal splendor. It is known for incredible Pacific salmon fishing, whale watching, boating, scuba diving, sightseeing, hiking, biking, arts and culture, and dining for all tastes.

The AGM & Convention will be held in the new Best Western Premier Prestige Oceanfront Resort. Rising above the Pacific Ocean, the waterfront resort offers breathtaking views of the Sooke Harbour, Sooke Basin, Juan de Fuca and the Olympic Mountains.

As first time hosts, local planners have been working diligently to provide delegates, sponsors and exhibitors with yet another memorable west coast Convention experience.

Keynote Speaker



Vaughn Palmer, Political Columnist with the Vancouver Sun

Palmer on Politics

Mixing wit and humour with insight his talk is an up-to-the-minute update on the current state of affairs in our political scene. Vaughn Palmer's hard-hitting columns have seen him cover the feats and follies of British Columbia's premiers for more than 25 years.

An award winning journalist, Palmer is the Vancouver Sun's provincial political columnist, a legislative correspondent for Global Television and host of the weekly program Voice of BC on Shaw TV and a regular commentator on a radio station CKNW in Vancouver and on station KUOW in Seattle. Palmer is a recipient of the Hyman Solomon Award for excellence in public policy journalism and a co-recipient of the Jack Webster award for reporting.

Let's Talk Finance

Representatives from UBCM's Select Committee on Local Government Finance, will lead a discussion aimed at informing the Committee's thinking about the financial issues facing your communities. We need your input about what you're facing, where you think the Committee's efforts could best be directed, and how it could be helpful to you and your community. With a tight timeframe to make recommendations, we want you to help us focus on the things that matter most to local governments across BC.



2013 BRIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

- 8:30 am Pre-Conference Program
- 2:00 pm Official Opening, Keynote Address, Provincial Representatives Addresses, AGM & Presentations
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

- 7:15 am Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 am Working Breakfast Workshop/Presentation
- 8:30 am Elections, UBCM President's Address, Resolutions & Presentations
- Noon Delegates Luncheon
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- 6:15 pm Reception, Dinner & Entertainment

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013

- 7:15 am Hot Breakfast
- 7:30 am Working Breakfast Workshop/Presentation
- 8:30 am Elections, Resolutions & Late Resolutions, Presentations, Address by the Leader of the Opposition, Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
- 12 noon Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Breakfast and Study Tours

8:30 am – Noon

Friday, April 12, 2013

Cost: \$15

The morning will combine three activities.

Private Forest Land Breakfast

The AVICC area contains some of BC's most productive forests, a few of the fastest growing communities in BC, and a high proportion of private land. There has been much change in the forest sector in recent years, every community has been affected in some way, and private forest lands are often in the news. Representatives from the Private Forest Landowners Association will provide insight into how the stewards of BC's private managed forest lands strive to find balance between environment, community and economic values.

Study Tour of the T'Sou-ke Nation Solar Project*



"First Nations have lived for thousands of years on this continent without fossil fuels. It is appropriate that First Nations lead the way out of dependency and addiction to fossil fuels and to rely on the power of the elements, the sun, the wind and the sea once again," says Chief Gordon Planes. Delegates will travel by bus to the T'Sou-ke Nation to view and learn more about the project.

**This tour has yet to be confirmed. Should it not be available, a substitute offering may be arranged.*

Study Tour of the Charters Creek Salmon Interpretative Centre



Representatives from the Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society will provide the delegates with a tour of the Charters Creek Salmon Interpretative Centre and information on the development of the centre -- how volunteers and governmental partnerships worked together to construct the centre. The tour includes a Naturalist Tour of the small demonstration hatchery, viewing

of the saltwater aquarium, terrarium, micro-eye presentations, video screening of site wildlife including beaver, a diorama of the Sooke watershed and other exhibits.

Delegates must pre-register using the conference registration form. Please wear footwear and clothing appropriate for a light hike, and bring an umbrella and raincoat if the weather is inclement.

ELECTIONS

The membership elects directors during the AGM & Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to AVICC between Conventions.

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

To be included in *The Report on Nominations*, nominations must be received by February 25, 2013.

For further information on the elections process or to submit a nomination, please contact:

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Chair, 2013 Nominating Committee
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or visit our website at www.AVICC.ca



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The Program Format

Based on a successful tradition, the 2013 program will integrate the regular business of the annual general meeting, debate on resolutions and holding of elections with a variety of presentations and workshops on topical issues, addresses by key political speakers and opportunities for networking.

A draft of the detailed program is expected to be available by mid-February on the www.AVICC.ca website. In order to accommodate emergent issues the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

The following are brief excerpts of programming expected to be included in the 2013 agenda.

More Than Just a Pretty Beach

The presentation is an introduction to the beach spawning habitats of important species of fish called “forage fish” as well as backshore habitats such as marine riparian vegetation which line many a beautiful shoreline property. Critical shoreline fish habitats are under increasing threat of development by seawalls, marinas, ports, and sea level rise. Due the crucial role that these fish play in local marine food webs, the issue of protecting these shoreline habitats and conflicts with human activities is gaining more attention by local planners and marine conservationists.

Presenters: Ramona C. de Graaf, Marine Biologist and Executive Director, Coastal Conservation Institute of BC and Ann Kjerulf, Planner with the Cowichan Valley Regional District

World-Leading Spill Response – Are We Ready?

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) is the spill response organization certified by Transport Canada to be the responders to a marine oil spill anywhere along the 27,000 km of coastline of BC. In the midst of the calls for a world-leading spill response, few people know that this organization exists and how it is prepared to meet the challenge of protecting our waters and shorelines. This presentation will introduce participants to WCMRC, describe its current state of preparedness and what it is doing to prepare in the event of an expansion of industry activities. If possible, an on-shore demonstration of equipment will be included.

Presenters: Scott Wright & Toni Frisby

Fibre Supply and the Future of the BC Coastal Forest Industry

This session will discuss the impact of the Mountain Pine Beetle in the Interior and the effects on coastal fibre supply and markets; the forecast for the coastal lumber industry given improving demand for the US, reduction of supply from the Interior and emerging demand from China and the Orient; the forecast for the pulp and paper industry on the coast given the shift to electronic media and competition in pulp markets from the southern Hemisphere; the forecast for coast logging given overseas demand for logs and regional demand for sawmills, veneer mills and pulp mills; and will talk about the path forward for the big coastal companies in the forest industry.

Presenter: Murray Hall, Murray Hall Consulting Ltd.

RESOLUTIONS

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions received prior to the February 25, 2013 deadline will be processed and included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book that will be mailed to members in late-March. See www.AVICC.ca for more information.

Late Resolutions:

Resolutions received after the deadline are considered “late” but will be accepted by the Executive Coordinator up until noon, Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Members are reminded that, to be admitted for debate, a late resolution must be deemed to be of an urgent or emergency nature and should address an issue that has arisen after the February 25 deadline date.

The Resolutions Committee will review all late resolutions and prepare a report to the Convention including a recommendation as to whether the resolution meets the criteria and should be admitted for debate.

Reminder
Resolutions and Nominations
Deadline
February 25, 2013

See www.AVICC.ca for submission requirements and nomination forms.



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BC Hydro Operations and Planning

From large-scale generation facilities to transmission and distribution lines, BC Hydro has operations in every coastal community. Senior leaders from BC Hydro's South Coast operations will be providing a brief system overview and facilitate a discussion on how coastal communities and BC Hydro can work more closely to better to serve the residents and meet the growth in the region.

Presenters: TBA

Sea Level Rise (SLR)

The session will provide an introduction to a number of topics including: climate changes, projections for SLR, Guidelines on Sea Dikes and Coastal Flood Hazard Land Use, the SLR Primer and costing for sea dikes and alternatives. It will also introduce the new adaptation guide which provides practical on-the-ground adaptation solutions for local government elected officials and staff covering a wide range of topics including: OCP policies, zoning, liability, infrastructure, asset management, emergency planning, etc.

Presenters: Cathy Leblanc, MCSCD and Climate Action Secretariat Staff

Other topics and sessions that will be included as time allows are:

- BC Ferries
- Working with First Nations
- Using Webcast Technology, Paperless Councils/Boards and Managing Email
- Benefits of Community Forests
- Update on the Gas Operating Agreement Renewal Process
- Proposed Strait of Georgia Marine Conservation Area

More in-depth descriptions and speaker biographies will be published on www.AVICC.ca as they become available.

Political Speakers

Invitations have been extended to Premier Christy Clark; Mr. Adrian Dix, Leader of the Official Opposition; Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Bill Bennett; and UBCM President, Mayor Mary Sjoström.



WORKING BREAKFAST SESSIONS

The Community Carbon Marketplace

The Community Carbon Marketplace (CCM) is a community-based carbon exchange initiative to enable local governments, businesses and individuals to meet carbon-neutral objectives by purchasing carbon offsets from community-based projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and build community resilience. The recent successful pilot of the Community Carbon Marketplace in the City of Duncan is examined as a model for meeting carbon neutral objectives in communities throughout BC's Islands and Coastal communities.

Presenters: Brian Roberts, CEA Executive Director, Duncan Mayor Phil Kent and Director of Finance Peter de Verteuil

The Natural City – A Sustainable Future for Cities and Towns

The Natural City is a comprehensive, highly integrated, visionary approach to planning future development for cities and towns. It begins with an examination of problems that have developed from sprawl and poorly managed growth and goes on to present a visionary approach to sustainable development and re-development for future communities. This approach is tightly woven around a hierarchical structure of priorities and principles. Central to the vision presented are three key priorities: Global Sustainability, Local Sustainability and Quality of Life and Place.

Presenter: Vic Derman, Saanich Councillor and CRD Director



NETWORKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Providing delegates with the opportunity to connect with colleagues and develop new relationships are key program objectives. In addition to breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday morning, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and Saturday's Delegates Lunch, two networking and social highlights of the 2013 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet. All events this year will be held at the Best Western Prestige Oceanfront Resort.

Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm Friday evening in the Prestige Oceanfront Resort's Grand Foyer, out on the Veranda and in the Convention Marketplace Tent. Delegates will be able to enjoy the scenic views of the beautiful Sooke Harbour and Basin or step outside into the waterside courtyard and on to the Prestige Pier. The District of Sooke will be presenting local entertainment and will be showcasing works by local artists.

Annual Banquet

Banquet guests will be treated to a fabulous evening with the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra. The community orchestra is celebrating its 15th anniversary season, with more than 60 members ranging from 13 to 84 years of age. Maestro Norman Nelson, Conductor and Music Director, is planning a varied and delightful program.

Please note that the banquet has limited seating (approx. 250) that will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mini Marketplace/Tradeshow

As in past years, AVICC will host a small tradeshow. Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths. In addition, a number of other organizations have indicated they will be available, including:

- KPMG
- The Guardians of Mid-Island Estuaries Society
- TransMountain Expansion Project/Kinder Morgan



District of Sooke

The host community for the 2013 AGM & Convention is the District of Sooke. Mayor Wendal Milne and Council are thanked for their generous hospitality.

The local host planning committee has been led by Bonnie Sprinkling, Corporate Officer; Brenda Parkinson, Chair, Mayor's Public Advisory Panel on the Arts and Beautification; and Krista Clarke, Convention and Catering Manager with the Prestige Oceanfront Resort.

An event of this size and caliber takes a small community like Sooke working together to achieve success. All local contributors are thanked for their contribution in making the 2013 AGM & Convention a terrific experience for all.

OUR SPONSORS

The AVICC AGM & Convention benefits from the significant contributions of our sponsors – some who have been sponsoring this event for many years. 2013 committed sponsors include:

FortisBC

Delegate Luncheon

BC Hydro

Delegate Gift

Association for Mineral Exploration BC/ Mining Association of BC

Co-sponsors of the Annual Banquet Dinner

BC Lottery Corporation

Annual Banquet Entertainment

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Welcome Reception

Municipal Insurance Association

Sunday Morning Hot Breakfast

ICBC

Saturday Morning Breakfast

BC Ferries

Grand Prize Award

Private Forest Landowners, Timberwest and Island Timberlands

Saturday Morning Refreshment Break

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Partner Activities

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Parliamentary Services

Sponsors are thanked for their generosity. Delegates will look forward to various opportunities provided by the AGM & Convention to learn about your organization's new programs or services and plans for the future.



ACTIVITIES FOR PARTNERS

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Partners and other guests are encouraged to join delegates as Sooke is offering a variety of local activities and events for your enjoyment. We also look forward to your participation in both the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet and Reception.

Please register partners for the following three activities on the regular Delegate Registration Form. All activities will go ahead rain or shine. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing for a light hike and bring an umbrella and raincoat.

Sea Flora Wild Seaweed Tour

Friday, April 12, 2:30 pm (approx. 1.5 - 2 hours)

Cost: \$20

Join Diane Bernard on one of her seaweed tours! Known internationally as “The Seaweed Lady” Diane has family roots deeply anchored in both Canadian coasts. Generations of her family have used seaweed in their daily lives for over 100 years.

As a passionate environmentalist, Diane is committed to creating luxury seaweed skincare that is nutritional, adventuresome, organic and authentic. Her hand-harvesting techniques are sustainable and her wild seaweeds are 100% USDA and OCIA certified organic.

Participants will meet at the Whiffen Spit parking lot. Waterproof footwear is recommended although boots for walking on the beach are available.

Sun River Allotment Gardens

Saturday, April 13, 2013 – 10:30 am (approx. 1 hour)

Cost: \$10

Those interested in the development of community gardens will enjoy a visit to the Sun River Allotment Gardens. This is a community garden on municipal property managed by a non-profit volunteer based organization – Sooke Food CHI. The organizers of the gardens will provide refreshments and be available for any questions on the workings of the community garden. An extended visit to view the work of artists on municipal utility boxes and a walk along the Sooke River – Sun River Trail is a possibility.

Participants will meet at the Sun River Allotment Gardens located on Philips Road near Sunriver Drive, about a 10 minute drive from the hotel.

Ed Macgregor Park and Marine Boardwalk Tour

Saturday, April 13, 2013 – 2:30 pm (approx. 1 - 1.5 hours)

Cost: \$10

The Ed Macgregor Park is a landscaped, public waterfront park that incorporates manicured gardens, an amphitheatre and a gathering area that’s used for community events and arts display. The visit will include a welcome by a piper, a guided tour by a local historian/naturalist, performances by local musicians in the band shell, access to work by local artists and a short walk through the trees to the marine boardwalk.

Participants will meet at the park gates located at 6765 West Coast Road that is within walking distance from the Prestige Hotel (approximately 20 minutes). Parking is also available near the park entrance.



A number of optional activities are also available. Please contact these businesses directly to book your adventure:

- Tugwell Creek Honey Farm & Meadery Tour
<http://tugwellcreekfarm.com>
- Sooke Coastal Explorations Wildlife Tour (whale watching, fishing, eco-tours)
<http://www.sookewhalewatching.com>
- Adrena LINE Ziplining
<http://adrenalinezip.com>
- Sooke Region Museum
<http://sookeregionmuseum.com>

Delegates and their guests may want to consider coming early or staying on after the Convention to take advantage of visiting the area attractions.



LOGISTICS

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Accommodations

Sooke has a variety of accommodation types available for delegates. For a list, please visit www.avicc.ca.

Conference Venue

All activities this year will be held at the Best Western Premier Prestige Oceanfront Resort located at 6929 West Coast Road.

Parking

Sufficient parking for all delegates is not available at the Prestige Oceanfront Resort. Those staying at the Sooke Harbour Marina will be within walking distance and are asked to leave their vehicles parked there. Delegates staying at other locations are asked to carpool where possible. Arrangements for additional parking will be communicated closer to the event, but delegates are asked to bring an umbrella in case of rain. Shuttle buses will be available to transport delegates and their guests to and from the Saturday evening reception and Annual Banquet.

How To Register

Registration forms are available on the www.AVICC.ca website or by emailing avicc@ubcm.ca. As in the past, there is an **early bird and cancellation deadline of Friday, March 22, 2013.**

	Early (By March 22)	Late (After March 23)
Delegate Fees Includes Welcome Reception	\$154	\$186
Annual Banquet	\$44	\$53
Welcome Reception for Partners	\$27	\$34

For More Information

The most current information will be posted on the www.AVICC.ca website. Please check back regularly for updates. For specific questions, please contact:

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TRAVELLING TO SOOKE

- From Campbell River – 280 km, 3.5 hours driving
- From Nanaimo – 120 km, just under 2 hours driving
- From Victoria – 40 km, 45 minutes driving

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

**PARTICIPATE
AND
ENTER TO WIN!**



The host community will be encouraging delegates and their guests to take a self-guided tour of Sooke's Marine Walkway. Participants who take up the challenge will be rewarded with entry into a draw for a gift basket of local products to be drawn Sunday morning.

