

# Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

## 2013 AGM & Convention Newsletter



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Soon we will get together for our Annual General Meeting & Convention in Sooke, a community at the edge of the temperate rainforest that offers small town hospitality and spectacular scenery combined with a rich history and numerous recreational and cultural opportunities.

As always, a wide variety of resolution topics of interest to island and coastal community local governments will be debated. In addition to the regular business of the AGM, a number of presentations and workshops on topical issues have been scheduled throughout the three days. Thank you to members who responded to our request for program ideas. I believe that we have a great program as a result.

We are pleased to have Vaughan Palmer as our keynote speaker Friday afternoon. Representatives from UBCM's Select Committee on Local Government Finance will also be on hand Friday afternoon to lead a discussion about financial issues facing our communities. Marine Biologist, Ramona de Graaf is scheduled to wrap up Sunday morning with her presentation titled "More Than a Pretty Beach."

Staff has been working closely with the local organizing committee to ensure you have a full range of activities, providing an opportunity to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates. As always, thank you to our sponsors. Without their support, we would not be able to provide delegates with the same value added Convention experience.

On behalf of the AVICC Executive, we look forward to seeing you in Sooke.

*President Joe Stanhope  
Chair of the Nanaimo Regional District*



#### 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.

*Vaughn Palmer, Political Columnist with the Vancouver Sun*

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#### PROGRAM IN BRIEF

##### Friday, April 12, 2013

- 9:00 am Pre-Conference Breakfast & Study Tours
- 2:00 pm Official Opening, Keynote Address, Provincial Representatives Addresses & Presentations
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception

##### Saturday, April 13, 2013

- 7:15 am Deluxe Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 am The Carbon Marketplace Working Breakfast
- 8:30 am Elections, AGM, UBCM President's Address, Resolutions & Presentations
- Noon Delegates Luncheon
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- 4:00 pm Tour of the MJ Green
- 6:00 pm Reception, Dinner & Entertainment

##### Sunday, April 14, 2013

- 7:15 am Hot Breakfast
- 7:15 am The Natural City Working Breakfast
- 8:30 am Elections, Resolutions & Late Resolutions, Presentations, Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
- Noon Adjournment

The most recent version of the program and detailed session descriptions are available on [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca).



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- Chief Gordon Planes, T'Sou-ke First Nations
- Keynote Address – Vaughn Palmer, Political Columnist with the Vancouver Sun
- The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- Let's Talk Finance Workshop

#### SATURDAY MORNING

- The Community Carbon Marketplace Working Breakfast
- Address by UBCM President, Quesnel Mayor Mary Sjostrom
- FortisBC Update on the Gas Operating Agreement Renewal Process

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- World-Leading Spill Response – Are We Ready?
- Fibre Supply and the Future of the BC Coastal Forest Industry and Benefits of Community Forests
- BC Hydro Operations and Planning
- Sea Level Rise
- Paperless Councils/Boards
- The Place of Genetic Engineering in Agriculture

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- The Natural City – A Sustainable Future for Cities and Towns Working Breakfast
- More Than a Pretty Beach

For session descriptions and biographical information on presenters, please go to [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca).

### Tour of the MJ Green



4:00 pm, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

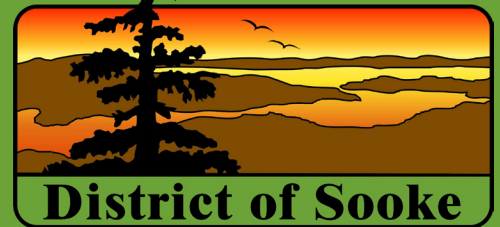
Delegates are invited to the waterfront to tour the most recent addition to Western Canada Marine Response Corporation's fleet of spill response vessels. The MJ Green was launched in late 2013, and is a 47 foot side skimming vessel that is outfitted with the latest technology including thermal imaging equipment that allows for recovery operations 24 hours a day.

### THANK YOU!

#### To Our Sponsors and Tradeshow Exhibitors

- FortisBC Energy Inc.
- BC Hydro
- Association for Mineral Exploration BC & Mining Association of BC
- BC Lottery Corporation
- Municipal Finance Authority
- Vancouver Island University
- Municipal Insurance Association
- ICBC
- Vancouver Island Health Authority
- Private Forest Landowners Association, Timberwest and Island Timberlands
- Western Forest Products
- Shaw Communications
- BC Transit
- BC Ferry Services Inc.
- Lorena P.D. Staples Law Corporation
- KPMG
- Tourism Vancouver Island
- Vancouver Island Economic Alliance
- VI Spine Trail Association

#### To Our Hosts and Their Community Partners



Special thanks are extended to the District of Sooke for hosting the 2013 AGM & Convention. We appreciate your local organizing committee's enthusiasm, leadership and contribution in making the 2013 AGM & Convention a terrific experience. Thank you as well to all of the community partners for your contributions.



## SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENTS, PRE-CONFERENCE AND PARTNERS PROGRAMS

Full descriptions of the pre-conference tours and partner programs is available on [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca).

### PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### Private Forest Land Breakfast and Study Tours of the T'Sou-ke Nation Solar Project and the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre

##### Friday, April 13

8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Private Forest Land Breakfast and Presentation
9:30 am	Study Tour of the T'Sou-ke Nation Solar Project
10:35 am	Refreshment Break at Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre
10:50 am	Study Tour of the Charters River Interpretive Centre
11:55 am	Wrap-up and Return to Prestige Oceanfront Resort

Breakfast will be available at 8:15 am so that the program can start shortly after 8:30 am.

Delegates will be travelling by bus courtesy of BC Transit and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission. Please wear footwear and clothing appropriate for a light hike, and bring an umbrella and raincoat if weather is inclement.

### PARTNERS PROGRAM

If you have registered your partner or guest for one of the three programs, please note the following dates, times and meeting locations. All activities will go ahead rain or shine. Sooke volunteers will be available during registration to answer any questions and provide maps.

#### Sea Flora Wild Seaweed Tour

##### Friday, April 12, 2:30 pm (approx. 1 1/2 – 2 hours)

Participants will meet at the Whiffin Spit Park parking lot. It is best to dress in layers, waterproof footwear recommended although boots for walking on the beach will be available.

#### Sun River Allotment Gardens

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

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

#### Ed Macgregor Park and Marine Boardwalk Tour

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

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.

### MINI-MARKETPLACE AND TRADESHOW HOURS

FRIDAY, 1:00 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM

### SOCIAL AND NETWORKING EVENTS

A number of activities will allow delegates the opportunity to network and relax.

#### Welcome Reception

Friday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Grand Foyer, Veranda & Convention Marketplace Tent

Janet McTavish will join Al & Kathy Planiden and Eric & Linda James, known locally as "Group Therapy," to perform popular song titles from many genres. Also performing will be local acoustic guitar player and vocalist Jean Bedard.

#### Annual Banquet And Reception

Saturday, 6:15 - 10:30 pm

Reception - Grand Foyer

Dinner - Oceanfront Grand Ballroom

The Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra will provide the entertainment and an opportunity for dancing.

#### Saturday Breakfast

7:15 - 8:15 am

The Community Carbon Marketplace Working Breakfast - French Beach Salon  
Networking Breakfast - Otter Point/Orca Spirit Salon

#### Delegates Luncheon

12:00 noon – 1:15 pm

Oceanfront Grand Ballroom

Coffee/Dessert in the Marketplace Tent

#### Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, 7:15 - 8:15 am

The Natural City Working Breakfast - French Beach Salon  
Networking Breakfast - Otter Point/Orca Spirit Salon

#### Refreshment Breaks

Friday/Saturday – Grand Foyer & Marketplace Tent

Sunday – Grand Foyer

Food services will provide healthy options and where available locally produced ingredients.





## 2012 RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 25, 2013 resolutions deadline:

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- SR1 Special Resolution To Amend AVICC's Constitution And Bylaws Respecting Membership (AVICC Executive)

### Part 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

- RR1 Regulations For Motorized Scooters (Sidney)  
RR2 Fish Habitat Protection (Strathcona RD)  
RR3 Scotch Broom (Parksville)

### Part 2 – SECTION “A” - This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

- R1 Emergency Management British Columbia (Parksville)  
R2 Tsunami Warnings (Nanaimo RD)  
R3 Flood Management Responsibility (Central Coast RD)  
R4 Reducing Default Speed Limits For Municipal Roads (Victoria)  
R5 Bike Lanes On Provincial Road Rights-Of-Way (Sunshine Coast RD)  
R6 Streamkeepers — Works In Streams (Nanaimo RD)  
R7 Coastal Douglas Fir Partnership (Sunshine Coast RD)  
R8 Watershed Protection (Port Alberni)  
R9 Underground Aquifer Mapping For Proposed Mining Projects (Cumberland)  
R10 Genetically Engineered (GE) Plants & Animals (Metchosin)  
R11 Removal Of Carbon Tax From Bio Fuels (Highlands)  
R12 New Property Class For Large Commercial Entities (Courtenay)  
R13 Licences Issued By The Provincial Government (Nanaimo RD)  
R14 Regulation Of Foreign Ownership Of Farmland (North Saanich)  
R15 Private Managed Forest Land Assessment & Consultation (Cumberland)  
R16 Sport Halibut Fishing (Mount Waddington RD)  
R17 Third Party Monitoring Of Sewerage Installations Abutting Farmland (North Cowichan)  
R18 Conflict Of Interest (AVICC Executive)

### Part 2 - SECTION “B” - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy.

- R19 Emergency Preparedness (Port McNeill)  
R20 Search & Rescue Squad Funding (Alberni-Clayoquot RD)  
R21 Bear Aware Funding (Sunshine Coast RD)  
R22 RCMP Small Municipality Detachments (Sayward)  
R23 BC Ferry Fares (Powell River RD)  
R24 Carbon Sequestration Offsets – Local Government Owned Trees (Port Alberni)  
R25 Derelict & Abandoned Vessels (Islands Trust)  
R26 Adequate Funding For Responsibilities (Victoria)  
R27 Infrastructure Grants For Small Municipalities (Sayward)  
R28 Landscape Security (Cowichan Valley RD)  
R29 Canada-European Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (Cumberland)  
R30 Access To Legal Services (Lantzville)

## ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS BOOK

The 2013 *Annual Report and Resolutions Book* was distributed to members by email in late March. If you have not received your copy, please contact the AVICC office by calling 250-356-5122 or by email at [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca), or obtain a pdf from [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca).

The report contains the following key pieces of information:

- President Stanhope's report to members on the year's activities;
- Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2012 and the 2013 proposed budget;
- The draft program for the 2013 AGM & Convention;
- Disposition of the 2012 resolutions submitted by AVICC members;
- The 2013 resolutions and nominations received prior to the February 25, 2013 deadline;
- The Conference Rules, the Procedures for Handling Resolutions and the Nominations and Elections Procedures; and
- The 2012-13 Executive List, the Membership List and a list of Life Members.

Delegates will receive a **Supplementary Information Package** when they register onsite that will contain a copy of the audited financial statement, the conference rules, and comments and the Resolutions Committee's recommendations on resolutions and a report on resolutions received after the deadline.



## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE

### **President: Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney**

Larry Cross is a long-time resident of the Sidney area and was first elected Mayor in December 2008. He also served as a Councillor from 2005 to 2008.

Mayor Cross is committed to ensuring Sidney's long term sustainability and to working in partnership with the community to make certain everyone has the opportunity to contribute and to be heard. Accessibility and approachability are very important to the Mayor.

Larry previously had a 37 year career as a popular teacher and school administrator. He retired in 2003 and now, when his busy schedule allows, is a Private Consultant in the K-12 Education Sector specializing in Human Resources/Labour Relations issues.



He has served as President of the Education Undergraduate Society, UVIC; Saanich Teachers' Association; and School District Administrators' Association as well as Chair of the Vancouver Island Chapter, BC School Personnel Administrators' Association. Larry has also been very involved with the University of Victoria, serving as President of the Alumni Association, Chair of the Alumni Communications Committee and was elected twice as a Senator.

Larry has been active in the community since 1973 including being Chair of the Friends of Sidney/North Saanich Regional Library; Memorial Park Society; Sidney Police Advisory Committee, Deep Cove Ratepayers Association and the North Saanich Recycle Coordinator. He also was instrumental in the creation of Pat Bay Park.

External agencies Mayor Cross represents the Town on are: Capital Regional District Board; Capital Health Board; Greater Victoria Labour Relations; Peninsula Recreation Commission; Municipal Insurance Association of BC and the Memorial Park Society Joint Finance Committee.

He is also a member of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, Municipal Finance Authority, Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee and First Vice President of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

Larry and his wife, Dianne, have been married for 48 years and have a daughter and a son. They are also proud grandparents to two grandchildren.

### **2013-14 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

An 8 person Executive Board is elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting & Convention to provide the ongoing administration and policy determination for the Association. To be eligible, a candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC local government member and then must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A two person nominating committee is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process. The Chair of the 2013 Nominating Committee is President Joe Stanhope.

### **REPORT ON NOMINATIONS**

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2013 AGM & Convention:

#### **President**

- Mayor Larry Cross, Town of Sidney

#### **First Vice-President**

- Councillor Cindy Solda,  
City of Port Alberni

#### **Second Vice-President**

- Councillor Barbara Price,  
Town of Comox

#### **Director at Large (three to be elected\*)**

- Councillor Meagan Brame,  
Township of Esquimalt
- Councillor Claire Moglove,  
City of Campbell River
- Chair Colin Palmer,  
Powell River Regional District
- Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust

#### **Electoral Area Representative**

- Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan  
Valley Regional District

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the AGM & Convention.



## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CON'T

### First Vice President: Councillor Cindy N. Solda, Port Alberni



A Councillor for the City of Port Alberni since September 2001, Cindy Solda's work on behalf of the community has led to her re-election through five consecutive elections. Although Cindy has been assigned to many local and regional initiatives throughout her time on Council she is most noted for her more recent responsibilities with planning, health and protective services.

Cindy is currently the Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD), Vice Chair of the Regional Hospital District and 2nd Vice Chair of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC). In December of 2011 Cindy was also appointed by the Union of BC Municipalities for a three-year term to the RCMP Contract Management Committee.

Prior to entering politics Cindy attended the theatre program at Malaspina College and the University of Victoria. This experience led to roles as a director, producer and actress in numerous artistic productions. Since marrying her husband Gianni, Cindy has also worked in his family restaurant business for the past 20 years. Recently a recipient to Queens Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

A strong supporter of local arts, Cindy has also started a promotional company bringing high profile entertainers and music acts to Port Alberni with all proceeds benefiting local non-profit societies.

Cindy has three grown children, Pietro, Carlo and Natasha who have all completed or are nearing completion of post-secondary programs in health and psychology related fields. Natasha is a manager in restaurant industry. Pietro is now employed in the corrections field and Carlo is pursuing a medical degree in the Dutch Caribbean.

### Second Vice President: Councillor Barbara Price, Comox



Barbara is a Councillor on Comox Council. She has also served as an Electoral Area Director on the Comox Valley Regional District Board. Before raising a family, she worked as a Town Planner and has a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning.

Barbara Price is a hardworking advocate for her community. She offers her knowledge of local government, her leadership experience and her understanding of the many opportunities and challenges facing Vancouver Island and the mainland coastal communities. Barbara Price has four years experience on the AVICC Executive and would be honoured to represent you again.

## ELECTIONS PROCESS

### STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM\*

- Nominating Committee presents the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President
- Nominations from the floor are received

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-8:30 AM\*

- Candidate speeches, if necessary
- Elections for Officers, if necessary

### STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:20 AM\*

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for 3 Directors at Large
- Nominations from the floor are received

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:45-1:30 PM\*

- Candidate speeches, if necessary
- Elections for Directors at Large, if necessary

### STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM\*

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for EA Rep
- Nominations from the floor are received
- Candidate speeches, if necessary

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:15-10:45 AM\*

- Elections for EA Rep, if necessary

The new Executive will be introduced and installed at 11:45 am, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

\*Note: Times are based on the draft AGM & Convention Program as known at the time of publishing this newsletter.





## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CON'T

### Director at Large: Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt



Meagan Brame is a wife and mother of two boys. She is an Esquimalt business owner and is in her second term on council. Meagan has always been a strong supporter for children, youth and families in the Greater Victoria area and is actively involved in many community events and committees.

Meagan feels she is a hard worker; she participates and works hard for her community in everything she does and has taken that energy forward to the Executive of the AVICC in the last year. Meagan has served on the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Alternate), Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, Local Government Treaty Committee (Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee), Esquimalt's Celebration of Lights Committee, Local Grant Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Advisory Planning Commission, Arts, Culture and Special Events Committee, Environment Committee and the Access Awareness Advisory Committee. As you can see Meagan brings a diverse background of knowledge and skills to the table as well as a strong work ethic.

### Director at Large: Councilor Claire Moglove, Campbell River

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, I graduated from the University of Manitoba Law School in 1979, at which time I moved to Vancouver, BC to article. After twelve years in Vancouver, I relocated my law practice to Campbell River in October of 1992, focusing on Family Law, Mediation and Collaborative Law. In 1998 I chose to eliminate litigation from my law practice and to devote my time and skills to mediation, negotiation and collaborative law.



My background and skill as a lawyer and mediator will continue to serve me well at the AVICC executive level.

#### Council Experience

- First elected to Campbell River City Council 2008, re-elected 2011;
- Elected to the executive of AVICC in 2011 and re-elected in 2012;
- City of Campbell River representative on the Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital Board (2008 to present) and elected Chair since January 2012;
- Appointed to fill a vacancy on the UBCM Executive in January 2012 and re-elected September 2012. Appointed to the First Nations Relations Committee and the Resolutions Committee at UBCM;
- City of Campbell River representative at the Strathcona Regional District (2008 – present);
- City of Campbell River representative at the Strathcona Gardens Commission (2008 – 2011) and the Comox-Strathcona Regional Solid Waste Board (2008 – present);
- Past Council Liaison to the Community Advisory Committee, Culture and Heritage Sub-Committee, Task Force on Homelessness and the Homelessness Coalition.

#### Community Involvement:

- Volunteer coordinator for the Campbell River Relay for Life and the Terry Fox Run;
- Past Board member for the Campbell River Museum;
- Organizing committees for various sporting events (XTC Off-Road Triathlon, Merville 15K run, and Miracle Beach run);
- Past President of the Strathcona Triathlon Club;
- Past Member of the Business and Professional Women's Network.

## 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.



## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CON'T

### Director at Large: Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD



I have served in local government for 20 years as an Alderman, Mayor, Regional Director and Chair of the Powell River Regional Board for 13 years.

As a Director on the North Island 9-1-1 Corporation and representative on the North Island Sunshine Coast Advisory Committee of ICET, I have a good sense of the issues on the Coast and Vancouver Island. At the present time I am heading up a group of 12 Regional District Chairs and the Islands Trust Chair which is

tackling the flaws in the Coastal Ferry Act which governs BC Ferries.

I have attended AVICC and UBCM Conventions for many years and feel I can work for all the members of AVICC as a Director at Large.

### Director At Large – Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust



Gary was first elected as Trustee for North Pender Island in a 2004 by-election. He has subsequently been re-elected in 2005, 2008 and 2011. In 2005, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust Council as Vice-Chair, serving two terms in that role.

During the 2005 and 2008 terms of office, Gary served on the Local Planning Committee and Financial Planning Committee of the Trust

Council. He also served as Chair of the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) for six years, the Mayne Island LTC for six years, the Galiano LTC for four years, the South Pender LTC for four years and the Saturna Island LTC for three years.

Following the 2011 local elections, Gary did not stand for re-election to the Executive Committee of the Trust. He was, however, elected Chair of the Financial Planning Committee of the Trust.

Gary was born and educated in New Brunswick, subsequently worked in a number of different industries as well as the House of Commons, the Canadian Labour Congress and the BCGEU. He retired in 2004 after a 25 year career with the BCGEU as Director of Organizing and Field Services. He served on a number of boards and commissions including BC Labour Force Development Board and the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission.

Gary is married to Marina Horvath and resides on Pender Island.

### Electoral Area Director: Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD



Mary Marcotte was first elected as Director of Electoral Area H (North Oyster/ Diamond) in the Cowichan Valley Regional District in 1996, and she has continued to serve in this position until the present. During her mandate, she has served three years as the Chair of the CVRD Board, and well as serving on numerous other regional committees. She is well known in her area as a person who participates whole-heartedly in local projects, notably the refurbishment

of the old North Oyster School which is being reincarnated as a community centre.

Currently she is the Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission and the Emergency Preparedness Committee. She has gained extensive knowledge of the issues and challenges of Electoral Area governance, and would work diligently to bring your interests to the forefront.

In 2008 Mary was first elected to the AVICC executive as the Electoral Area representative. Mary is a hard working dedicated advocate for local government and is committed to bringing her knowledge and experience to the task of furthering your interests through the AVICC Executive.





## LOGISTICS

### Venue

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

### Registration Desk Hours

#### Friday, April 12th

8:00-9:45 am  
12:30-4:00 pm  
5:30-6:00 pm (in AVICC Office)

#### Saturday, April 13th

7:45-9:00 am and then as needed in the AVICC Office

### Delegate Services

Wireless internet access will be available. No other business services will be provided.

### Parking

Sufficient parking for all delegates is not available at the Prestige Oceanfront Resort. Delegates staying at the Sooke Harbour Marina next door to the Prestige Hotel are asked to park and leave their vehicles at the Marina for the duration of the Convention.

For those staying at other venues, a secondary lot will be available at the Sooke Baptist Church, 7110 West Coast Road. Volunteers will be providing a shuttle services between the parking lot and the Prestige Oceanfront Resort before and after the day's activities starting from 1:00-1:50 pm on Friday afternoon.

A shuttle bus courtesy of BC Transit and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission will be available to transport delegates and their guests to and from the Saturday evening reception and banquet. Shuttle schedules will be provided in your Supplementary Package received at Registration.

### Planning for Meals Not Included in the Conference Program

Delegates are on their own for dinner Thursday evening; and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday (the Friday Welcome Reception will be held 5:30-7:30 pm with appies provided). Sooke offers many small eateries that will be advised to expect increased numbers; however, delegates are strongly encouraged to make advance reservations especially for the Friday evening to avoid disappointment. A list of eateries, locations, contact information and links to menus is available on our website and will also be available at the onsite registration desk.

### For More Information

See [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca)  
Or contact Iris Hesketh-Boles, AVICC Executive Coordinator  
Phone: 250-356-5122  
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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

Click on the link below to visit a website where you can plan your route and will show current driving and road conditions.

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

### 2014 AGM & CONVENTION PLANS

April 11 - 13, 2014 - Qualicum Beach With Annual Banquet in Parksville

Our hosts will be the Town of Qualicum Beach and the City of Parksville

A full accommodations list is expected to be available shortly after the 2013 Convention. It will be posted on [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) and distributed via email to members as soon as it becomes available.

