



ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

65TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONVENTION
APRIL 11-13, 2014

QUALICUM BEACH AND PARKSVILLE, BC

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014

Morning Pre-Conference Program

- 8:00am– 9:45am **Pre-Conference Registration** (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre - Foyer*)
- 8:30am-Noon **Pre-Conference Program** – Starting at 8:00 AM - A light continental breakfast will be available for tour participants at the Convention Centre
- 8:30am-Noon **Deep Bay Marine Facility Tour – Depart Qualicum Beach Civic Centre** (Bus available for loading by 8:15 am)
- 8:30am-Noon **North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre – Depart Qualicum Beach Civic Centre**
- 9:45am-Noon **Milner Gardens Tour – Depart Qualicum Beach Civic Centre**
- 12:30pm-4:00pm **Registration** (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre - Foyer*)
- 1:00pm–5:30pm **Mini Marketplace & Tradeshow** (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre–Foyer & OAP/Windsor Room*)

AGM & Convention Main Program –

- 2:00 pm Official Opening
Piper – *Pipe Major Mel Wilson*
Convention Opening Remarks – *President Larry Cross*
O Canada – *Maureen O’Hearn*
Welcome from Host Communities – *Mayor Teunis Westbroek and Mayor Chris Burger (TBC)*
Convention Program Overview – *President Larry Cross*
- 2:30 pm Nominating Committee Report, Past *President Joe Stanhope*
- 2:35 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS: DEB GREY, PC OC
- 3:35 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:55 pm Address by the HONORABLE DON MCRAE, MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION
- 4:20 pm Nominations from the Floor for Officers
Candidate Speeches (as necessary)
- 4:25 pm BC Ferries Special Plenary Session
- 5:30 pm Final Comments and Wrap-Up
Draw for 1 Nights Stay at the Tigh Na Mara with Breakfast for two
Must Be Present To Win
- 5:35 pm Adjourn
- 6:00-7:30 pm Welcome Reception – (*Tigh na Mara Resort, Parksville*)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

The Marketplace and Tradeshow is Open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Today!

- 7:15-8:15 am Delegates Networking Continental Breakfast (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre – Lions Room*)
- 8:00-8:30 am Voting for Table Officers (As Necessary)
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks
- 8:35 am Annual Meeting
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures
Adoption of Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting
President's Address and Annual Report
Adoption of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors
Appointment of Scrutineers
Appointment of Parliamentarian
2015 AGM & Convention Location
- 8:45 am Address by UBCM President – Director, Rhona Martin
- 9:05 am Review of Resolution Procedures
- 9:10 am Consideration of Resolutions
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break (*Windsor/Gap Rooms*)
- 10:20 am Resolutions, Continued
- 11:20 am Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the floor for Directors at Large
Candidate speeches (as necessary)
- 11:40 am FORTIS BC
- 12:00 noon Delegates Luncheon
- 12:45-1:30 pm Elections for Director at Large (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre - Foyer*)
- Concurrent Workshops**
- 1:30-2:30 pm Climate Change – The Problem and Imperative of Our Times – Pioneer Hall East
Collaborating for Community Health – Pioneer Hall West
- 2:30-3:00 pm Refreshment Break (*Windsor/Gap Rooms*)
- 3:00-4:00 pm Eco-Assets Natures Role as Municipal Infrastructure – Pioneer Hall East
Private Managed Forest Land Act – Pioneer Hall West
- 6:00-11:30 pm Reception and Annual Banquet (*Parksville Community Centre*)
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Buffet Dinner
8:15 pm Short Program
8:45 pm Entertainment & Dancing Provided by Eddie and the Funk

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

7:15-8:15 am Delegates Networking Hot Breakfast (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre – Lions Room*)

8:30 am Opening Remarks
Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative
Candidate Speeches (as necessary)

8:35 am Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions

9:45 am MLA Selina Robinson, NDP, Local Government and Sports Critic

10:15-10:45 am Elections for Electoral Area Representative as Necessary (*Qualicum Beach Civic Centre-Foyer*)

10:15-10:45 am Refreshment Break (*Windsor/OAP Rooms*)

10:45 am BC Local Government: Overview of Changes to Local Government Elections Legislation
(Parliamentary Secretary, Linda Reimer)

11:45 am Final Business Session
Nominating Committee Report (as required)
Installation of New Executive
Remarks by President Elect
Grand Prize Draws - *Must Be Present To Win*

- Inside Passage Cruise Aboard BC Ferries

Noon Adjourn

**THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS
AND THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Special thanks are extended to the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach for hosting the 2014 AGM & Convention. AVICC Executive and staff wish to thank the host community for making the Convention a great experience.

Thank you as well to the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, the Parksville Community and Convention Centre and the many community partners for your contributions.

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MINI MARKETPLACE & TRADE SHOW

Hours

Friday – 1:00 to 5:30 pm

Saturday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Locations

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre Foyer and Windsor/Gap Rooms

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit & Regional District of Nanaimo

ICBC

The Mining Association of BC

Municipal Finance Authority

The Private Forest Landowners Association

FortisBC Energy Inc.

The Vancouver Island University

Island Health

Western Forest Products

BC Assessment

Canadian Wood Council

Tourism Vancouver Island

Interactions HR Solutions

Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

Hebden Engineering and Partners

Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association

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Canadian Wood Council (Pre-Convention Study Tours)
Municipal Insurance Association (Sunday Morning Hot Breakfast)
ICBC (Saturday Morning Breakfast)
Private Forest Landowners Association
**(Friday Pre-Conference Continental Breakfast; Saturday AM Refreshment
Break)**
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**Western Canadian Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee (Saturday
Afternoon Refreshment Break)**
BC Transit & Nanaimo Regional District (Transportation)
BC Ferry Services Inc. (Grand Prize Award)
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SESSION DESCRIPTORS AND SPEAKER BIOS

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Keynote Address – Deb Grey – West Coast Wonderful!

Deb Grey is a BC girl, born and raised in Vancouver. She moved to Alberta as a young woman, and taught school on a reserve and in a small farm town, before being elected in 1989, as the first-ever Reform Party Member of Parliament. Deb commuted to Ottawa weekly during her four terms as an MP. She has always been a hands-on, practical leader, always looking for ways to encourage and celebrate people. Deb will share stories of her career in the classroom and the Commons. She will challenge you to lead, laugh and love. She and her husband, Lew, are happily semi-retired in Qualicum Beach. When she is not speaking or traveling to Ottawa as the Chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, many of you have seen them roll into your community for coffee on their matching Honda Valkyries as they continually explore the Coastal Communities around them.

UBCM President – Director Rhona Martin

Director Rhona Martin is serving her eighth term as an Electoral Area Director on the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, where she was Chair for six years. She has also been a UBCM board member since 2006, and is a past president of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA).

During her service on the UBCM Executive, Director Martin has been involved in several Committees and groups, including being Chair of the Environment Committee and a member of the Presidents Committee.

Director Martin has been involved in community issues since the early 1980s and is currently:

- Chair of the North Okanagan Columbia Shuswap Regional Hospital District;
- Chair of the Southern Interior Beetle Action Committee; and
- A member of the Meals Society Board that provides quality meals and the opportunity for seniors to socialize.

Rhona was raised in Kitimat and moved to Malakwa in her late teens. She and her partner Brian have owned and operated a family restaurant there for over 25 years. Rhona has five children, one daughter and four sons, 17 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

The Honorable Don McRae, MLA for the Comox Valley and Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation

Don McRae was appointed Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation on June 7, 2013. He has served as Minister of Agriculture and as Minister of Education. Prior to that, he was convener of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and was a member of the Select Standing Committee on Health and Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Minister McRae was born and raised in the Comox Valley. For 14 years he taught at GP Vanier Secondary school in Courtenay. McRae also served as a Courtenay city councillor from 2002-09.

He has served as a Courtenay City Councillor for seven years. During his time on council, he has served as a municipal director for both the Comox Strathcona Regional District and the newly restructured Comox Valley Regional District. He has also been a member of the Comox Strathcona Hospital Board, vice-chair of the Comox Valley Sewer and Water Committees, and numerous community organizations and boards. In 2008, he was appointed by Premier Campbell to the Citizen's Conservation Council.

Selina Robinson, MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville and Opposition Critic for Local Government and Sport

Selina Robinson was elected to the BC Legislature in 2013 and currently serves as the Opposition Critic for Local Government and Sport.

Prior to being elected MLA, she was elected twice to serve on Coquitlam Council once in 2008 and again in 2011. When on Council she was the Chair of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee and the Vice – Chair of the Coquitlam River Aggregate Committee. MLA Robinson was appointed by the Chair of Metro Vancouver to the Metro Vancouver Environment and Parks Committee. She also represented the City of Coquitlam on the Tri-Cities Homelessness Task Group and on the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable.

Prior to life in politics she worked for SHARE Family and Community Services as the Director of Development, a role that provided her with a solid understanding of community issues and helped her to develop relationships with community leaders and others who live, work and play in Coquitlam. MLA Robinson has a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and have spent most of her professional life working with individuals, families and communities in the non-profit sector.

Other Presentations and Concurrent Sessions

Climate Change – The Problem and Imperative of Our Times

This presentation will examine all aspects of the climate change complex important to politicians, municipal staff and the general public.

After a brief description of climate change history and science, the presentation moves on to look at likely scenarios society faces. The strong possibility that predictions from computer models are too conservative is examined with particular attention paid to the role of "feedback" mechanisms. Next, the presentation reviews problems that climate change presents including: sea level rise, acidification of the oceans, shifting habitats and species extinction, increases in extreme weather events, changing climatic patterns, loss of "glacial water", massive global increase in refugees and shifts in disease vectors.

The presentation concludes by describing transformative changes we must accomplish in our communities including: planning for "adaptive measures" and recognizing the URGENT need to massively address mitigation. The "New Industrial Revolution" and the "non carbon economy" it will create receive particular emphasis.

Presenter: Vic Derman, Councillor, District of Saanich and Director, Capital Regional District

Collaborating For Community Health

Dr. Paul Hasselback is the Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island. Since 1990 he has also held Medical Health Officer positions in the BC Interior, Southwestern Alberta, Calgary and Regina. He is a specialist in public health and preventive medicine who trained in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal and was in family practice in rural Saskatchewan for four years. He has a Master's of Science in Epidemiology and is a Clinical Associate Professor at University of British Columbia and Affiliate Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Victoria.

Dr. Hasselback has over 25 peer reviewed publications and has done over 130 public health related presentations. In 2000 he was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association award for "an individual who has significantly advanced the cause, legitimized and stressed the responsibility for the state of the art of the public health". In 2010 he was awarded the National Specialist Society for Community Medicine President's Award for contributions to the specialty. He is the past chair of the Health Officer's Council of British Columbia.

In his presentation Dr. Hasselback will discuss how communities, agencies and others can collaborate to improve the health conditions across Vancouver Island.

Presenter: Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer, Island Health

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Eco-Assets: Nature’s Role as Municipal Infrastructure

The Town of Gibsons has recognized, formally and in practice, that nature, and the ecosystems services that it provides, are a fundamental and integral part of the Town's infrastructure system. Gibsons is one of the first communities in North America to do so. The Town is blessed with valuable natural assets such as the Gibsons Aquifer which provides high quality untreated drinking water; three major creeks that are a major part of the rainwater management system; and a foreshore area, still mostly natural that protects the area from sea activity. Other natural assets include forested areas, green space and soil.

Natural assets are considered cheaper to operate; can last indefinitely, if properly managed; and are carbon neutral, and in some cases can be carbon positive. It is important to differentiate green infrastructure, which is designed and built to mimic nature, such as a rain garden, from a natural asset such as a creek. Gibsons is also creating sub-categories in asset lists and financial statements to include Eco-Assets and implementing a strategy to manage these assets specifically.

“Ultimately, the Town's goal is to move from simply maintaining infrastructure to a service delivery model, where those services are delivered by the smallest number, the most natural, most energy energy-efficient, and the most reliable municipal assets, that cost the least to operate over the long term.

Presenters: Emanuel Machado, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Gibsons and Dave Newman, Director of Engineering, Town of Gibsons

Private Managed Forest Land Act

This presentation is an excellent opportunity for delegates to receive an update on the activities, issues and mandate of the Private Managed Forest Land Council. The presentation will include a brief history of the Private Managed Forest Land Act and the Private Managed Forest Land Council. Delegates will learn about such topics as; management objectives on Private Managed Forest Land, legislation & regulations, the difference between private managed land forestry vs. crown land forestry and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

Presenters: Rod Davis, Chair, Private Managed Forest Land Council; Phil O'Connor, Executive Director, Private Managed Forest Land Council

An Overview of Changes to Local Government Election Legislation

This plenary session will provide participants with practical information on expected changes to local government elections legislation (i.e. elections rules that candidates should expect for the 2014 local government elections). The session will feature an introduction from Parliamentary Secretary Linda Reimer, followed by a presentation by Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Staff who will provide more detailed information on the elections changes expected for 2014. Delegates can expect to hear about such matters as; registration by third-party advertisers, sponsorship information requirements for all election advertising, campaign finance disclosure statements to be filed 90 days, rather than 120, following an election, banning anonymous contributions, creating a role for Elections BC in the compliance and enforcement of campaign finance rules in municipal elections. The session will also provide an opportunity for discussion and question and answers for participants.

Presenters: Linda Reimer, Parliamentary Secretary; Heather Brazier, Executive Lead, Integrated Policy, Legislation & Operations Division