



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
TELECONFERENCE
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, President
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, First Vice-President
Councillor Barbara Price, Comox, 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 Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, Past President
- REGRETS** Councillor Andrew Mostad, Lantzville, Director at Large
- STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Shelley Webber, Executive Coordinator

President Cross called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm.

First Vice President Solda requested that Coastal Community Network be added to the agenda under Other Business

1. Convention

a) BC Ferries – Special Plenary

Mayor Cross indicated that there is tremendous need to address the BC Ferries service reduction plan and rate increases at the AVICC 2014 Convention, and felt that the membership would be in agreement that this should be added to the program for the Convention. Mayor Cross suggested the Friday afternoon timeslot between 4:20 pm and 5:00 pm on the program agenda as a potential timeslot for a plenary session on this topic. Initial suggestions for panelists include: Colin Palmer, Ministry of Transportation representative and a BC Ferries representative.

Mayor Cross noted that UBCM is planning on resurrecting the BC Ferries Task Group on the matter of BC Ferries service reductions and rate increases.

Chair Stanhope noted that there is a need for another voice on this matter beyond the RD Chairs, so the AVICC would be well positioned to take the initiative on a impact study on this topic.

Councillor Moglove asked whether the AVICC should look at hiring a consultant to undertake a social and economic impact assessment study to be completed prior to the Convention, which would provide input into the proposed plenary session at Convention. Councillor Moglove then inquired if AVICC staff would be able to contact the consultant who undertook the Route 40 Economic Impact Assessment to determine if they would be interested in being contracted to undertake a similar region-wide study for AVICC.

Shelley Webber, Executive Coordinator suggested that AVICC could undertake a quick environmental scan of members for current or planned studies or activities related to ferry service reductions and/or rate increases and their impacts on coastal and inland communities.

On a motion by Councillor Moglove, seconded by Councillor Solda,

That a plenary session on BC Ferries be schedule for at the AVICC Convention, proposed timeslot is Friday, April 11th at 4:20pm.

AND

That AVICC Staff immediately undertake an immediate environmental scan on current studies/activities being undertaken in the region by Members with regards to BC Ferries service reductions and rate increases. The results of this scan will be used to determine the potential scope for the proposed AVICC Social and Economic Impact Assessment on BC Ferries Service Reductions and Rate Increases.

AND

That AVICC Staff contact the consultant who undertook the Route 40 Impact Assessment study to inquire about availability and fees for undertaking a social and economic impact assessment on proposed BC Ferries service reductions and current and plan rate increases.

CARRIED

b) Convention Program – Session Selection

Staff briefly summarized the results of the survey completed by AVICC Executive on 28 convention proposals received by the AVICC office.

An Overview of Changes to Local Government Elections Legislation (Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) – is proposed to be schedule on Sunday morning at 10:45 am.

Shelley Webber, Executive Coordinator requested direction from Executive on selection of the top six proposals for the concurrent workshop sessions scheduled for Saturday afternoon of Convention.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District submission of BC Hydro Rates was not detailed in a full proposal submission. Councillor Moglove requested AVICC staff to follow up with the SCRDC to provide a full description of the session they are proposing, and provide that to Executive for their consideration.

The Red Cross will be invited to participate in the Trade Show and Mini Marketplace.

Executive selected the following seven proposals as their top choices:

- Pacific East-West Trading and Business Opportunities (AVICC)
- The Value of Tourism in Vancouver Island Region (Tourism Association of Vancouver Island)
- Private Forests and Water Protection/Regulating Forest Practices on Private Managed Forest Lands (propose to be co-hosted by the PMFLC & PFLA)
- Climate Change – The Problem and Imperative of Our Times (Vic Derman)

- Eco-Assets Natures Role as Municipal Infrastructure (Town of Gibsons)
- Collaborating for Community Health (Island Health)
- BC Hydro Rates (Sunshine Coast Regional District) – full proposal description required in order to finalize ranking and selection for Convention

AVICC staff has been directed to solicit a complete proposal from the Sunshine Coast Regional District on the BC Hydro Rates proposed session. Staff will then submit the list of final proposals to AVICC Executive for final decision in electronic format.

2 OTHER BUSINESS

a) Coastal Community Network

A letter is expected to be submitted to AVICC Executive on the matter of a request from the Coastal Community Network to organize a special meeting of the RD Chairs at the AVICC Convention. Once the letter is received, AVICC staff will forward to AVICC Executive for their consideration.

3. NEXT MEETING

9:00 am – 10:00 pm, March 7, 2014
Teleconference

On a motion by Councillor Brame, seconded by Chair Stanhope,
The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Larry Cross
President

Shelley Webber
Executive Coordinator