



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
TELECONFERENCE
MONDAY, MARCH 07, 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
Councillor Andrew Mostad, Lantzville, Director at Large
Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, Past President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Shelley Webber, Executive Coordinator

GUEST ATTENDANCE: Donna Hobbs, KPMG

President Cross called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by First Vice President Solda
That the following items be added to the agenda under Other Business

- Keynote Speaker
- Rail Line

Was

CARRIED

2. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

a) 2013 Financial Audit

Ms. Hobbs presented the findings of the 2013 financial audit. KPMG was thanked for their work.

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by First Vice President Solda

That the Audit Findings Report be received and that the March 2014 Draft Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Year Ended December 31, 2013 as provided by KPMG be approved and that the financial statement be brought forward to the membership at the 2014 AVICC AGM & Convention was

CARRIED

3. CONVENTION

a) 2014 AGM & Convention Planning

Staff provided an update and obtained feedback on a few key issues.

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Moglove

That the VISTA and Hebden Engineering be provided a complimentary booth at the 2014 AVICC AGM & Convention Tradeshow was

CARRIED

On a Motion by Director Brame, seconded by Second Vice President Price
That if space permits, and requests are first vetted through Executive, staff can provide a complimentary table at future tradeshow to non-profit organizations was

CARRIED

b) New Potential Sponsor: Western Canadian Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee

Staff reviewed the briefing note with the request from the Western Canadian Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee to become a sponsor at the 2014 AVICC AGM & Convention.

On a motion by First Vice President Solda, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte
That the Western Canadian Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee be approved as a sponsor to the 2014 AVICC AGM & Convention was

CARRIED

c) Request From City of Port Alberni to Host a Mayors Meeting at the Convention

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Past President Stanhope
That the request to host a separate Mayors meeting at the AVICC AGM & Convention be denied was

CARRIED

d) Special Plenary Session on BC Ferries

See 4 (a) for discussion and decision items

e) Request from City of Duncan to Invite Premier Clark to AVICC Convention

On a motion by Director Megan, seconded by Second Vice President Price
That staff prepare correspondence to the City of Duncan to acknowledge receipt of letter, and notify them that the Premier has already been sent and invitation and it was declined was

CARRIED

4. POLICY

a) BC Ferries – Special Committee on BC Ferries

President Cross provided an update on the work of the Special Committee on BC Ferries, acknowledged that there has been no resolutions submitted by the membership by the February 24th deadline that includes the topic of BC Ferries.

Executive discussed the panel session on BC Ferries planned for Friday, April 11th at the Convention. Staff was directed to circulate a list of proposed panellists to the Executive for their consideration. Executive discussed the possibility of submitting a late resolution requesting the provincial government undertake and fund a full socio-economic study on the impact of reduced ferry schedules and rate increases on coastal communities. Staff will work with UBCM to draft and submit to Executive a proposed late resolution to be considered at the April 10th Executive meeting.

On a motion by First Vice President Solda, seconded by Past President Stanhope
That staff will forward a copy of the Report by the Special Committee on BC Ferries to Executive for their consideration once finalized, as well as draft a request for endorsement from the AVICC Executive to the membership, and

That staff will work with UBCM staff to draft a late resolution requesting the province undertake a full socio-economic impact assessment of the announced service cuts and rate increases on coastal communities for their consideration at the April 10th Executive Meeting, and

That staff will electronically circulate a list of proposed panelists to the AVICC Executive for their consideration and feedback was

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

a) January 29, 2014 – Request for meeting space at 2014 Convention for Coastal Communities Network Meeting

On a motion by First Vice President Solda, seconded by Director Moglove

That staff provide meeting space for the Coastal Communities Network to meet at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre was

CARRIED

b) February 18, 2014 – City of Duncan request to invite premier to convention

See 3(e)

c) January 27, 2014 – Letter from Minister Pimm in response to AVICC’s letter re: ALR/ALC

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Second Vice President Price,
That the correspondence be received was

CARRIED

d) February 4, 2014 – Letter from Mayor Furney, re: Provincial Emergency Notification System

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Brame,

That a letter of support be written to Mayor Furney, re-affirming that this is an issue of concern for the AVICC as well was

CARRIED

e) February 5, 2014 – Letter from UBCM President, re: Provincial response to 2013 resolutions

On a motion by Second Vice President Price, seconded by Director Brame

That staff prepare a letter of response to the Ministry, indicating we are disappointed in the response to Resolution A4 – Conflict of Interest was

CARRIED

f) January 27, 2014 – Letter from Mayor Burger, re: Provincial response to 2013 resolutions

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Second Vice President Price,
That the correspondence be received was

CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Keynote Speaker

Staff requested feedback from the Executive on a theme to Keynote Speaker Deb Grey’s address at the 2014 AVICC AGM & Convention. Executive indicated that they would be interested in hearing her speak to the federal perspective on the role of local government, what tools or approaches local governments could use to better position ourselves for advocacy work with the federal government.

b) Vancouver Island Rail Line

First Vice President Solda noted that reopening of the Vancouver island passenger rail service is not looking very promising, very concerned about losing the major linkage of the rail line on the island. Vice President Solda indicated that a late resolution could be introduced at the AVICC that would reaffirm the need for the passenger rail service on Vancouver Island.

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Second Vice President Price
That the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

9. NEXT MEETING

12:30 – 3:30, April 10, 2014
Sand Dollar Room, Beach Club Resort

Mayor Larry Cross
President

Shelley Webber
Executive Coordinator