

## 2014 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

### **SR1 SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF BC FERRIES SERVICE REDUCTIONS POLICY PAPER**

**AVICC Executive**

THAT the AVICC membership endorse the Policy Paper of the Special Committee on BC Ferries on the economic impact of planned ferry service reductions.

AND

THAT the AVICC membership support the request of the Special Committee on BC Ferries to engage the services of a consultant to undertake Phase 2 work that would:

- Seek to fill the information gap that presently exists around the socio-economic impacts of planned ferry changes; and
- Undertake more thorough quantitative research, focusing on one or two specific routes, that would provide reliable quantitative data to identify the socio-economic impacts of planned ferry changes for communities, various sectors and the overall provincial economy.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

### **RR1 PROTECTION OF LOCAL WATER RESOURCES & WATERSHED LAND**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS it is recognized that water is a public trust and the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions emphasizing protection and control of local water resources, and that adequate tools are required to enable local authorities to enact measures for protection of watersheds;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has recently released further details concerning implementation of its commitment to modernize the *Water Act*, which includes a strategy to protect water flows for fish and the environment; regulate groundwater; improve governance; and promote conservation, in order to address issues of source water protection, industrial pollution and land-use changes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment to proceed in its efforts to modernize the *Water Act* including full consultation with First Nations, to ensure that the new Water Sustainability Act establishes a strong enabling framework, in the context of provincial and federal oversight and regulatory backstop, that:

- increases the local role in key decisions affecting the health of watersheds;
- ensures protection for water for fish and the environment in the context of local conditions;
- regulates groundwater;
- promotes water conservation;
- recognizes First Nations Rights and Title; and
- establishes a meaningful role for local government, First Nations, and local watershed authorities regarding approvals and control.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

### **RR2 PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN RURAL AREAS**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the RCMP are responsible for enforcing parking regulations in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the process required to ticket and/or tow parking offenders is time consuming and takes policing resources away from other priorities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that regional districts be granted the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**LEGISLATIVE**

**R1 ELECTED OFFICIALS COVERAGE UNDER  
WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT**

**Sechelt District**

WHEREAS all duly elected council and regional board members are not considered workers or employers and are therefore not covered under the *Workers Compensation Act* in their capacity as elected officials;

AND WHEREAS the Personal Optional Protection Insurance is not available to elected officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia review the *Workers Compensation Act* in consultation with local governments and make the necessary amendments to include all duly elected council or board members in the definition of "worker."

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**R2 EQUAL STANDARDS FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL BUILDING CODE**

**Alberni Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS the provincial government building codes are to a higher standard than the federal building codes;

AND WHEREAS there is concern this discrepancy can impact health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to bring the federal building code to a standard which equals the provincial standards.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**R3 AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS**

**Esquimalt**

WHEREAS fire kills 8 individuals in Canada every week, residential property fires account for 40% of all fires, and 73% of all fire deaths occur in residential properties;

AND WHEREAS automatic fire sprinkler technology exists, which is proven to be effective, reliable and affordable (approximately 94 cents per square foot for residential construction), that will virtually eliminate fire deaths in residential properties thereby enhancing the safety of first responders including firefighters, paramedics, police and the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) petition the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to request that the British Columbia provincial government enact legislation to:

- a) Require automatic fire sprinklers be installed in every new occupancy where individuals will sleep through its 2015 BC Building Code; and

- b) Require that all existing occupancies where individuals sleep (excluding residences owned by individuals) be retrofitted with automatic fire sprinklers by 2017.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution be amended by deleting clause (b) from the resolution was endorsed.

The motion, as amended, then read:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) petition the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to request that the British Columbia provincial government enact legislation to:

- a) Require automatic fire sprinklers be installed in every new occupancy where individuals will sleep through its 2015 BC Building Code.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**R4 FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI NUCLEAR DISASTER**

**Alert Bay**

WHEREAS the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster occurred on March 11, 2011 resulting in the catastrophic failure of three nuclear reactors and associated fuel rod storage pools causing the release of significant amounts of radionuclide contamination into the atmospheric and marine environments. The owners of the Daiichi facility, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), and the Japanese government, have not been able to contain the marine and atmospheric radionuclide contamination originating from the failed Fukushima Daiichi facility;

AND WHEREAS the 80% of British Columbians who live within 10 miles of the Pacific Ocean, as well as the wide variety of marine and coastal economic stakeholders who rely on ocean and coastal environments deserve to have access to detailed information regarding possible radionuclide contamination associated with the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities support those British Columbians who are affected by the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster by calling on the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to immediately enact the following:

1. Convene a panel of institutional and citizen scientists to determine what type and frequency of marine and atmospheric monitoring is required to maintain clear understanding of the environmental impacts of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster on coastal British Columbia;
2. Determine the locations where a comprehensive network of marine and terrestrial sensors or other monitoring methodologies will be maintained;
3. Commission a website that would both list the raw findings of sensor and environment testing and interpret these data in a clear and transparent manner;
4. Open negotiations directly with the Government of Japan regarding both the accelerated containment of radionuclide contamination, and full financial support of the cost of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster monitoring program on the west coast of BC and Canada.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**R5 FEDERAL MEDICAL MARIHUANA LICENCES**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS the federal government is phasing out medical marihuana licences under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations on April 1, 2014 in favour of licencing much larger production facilities under the new Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations;

AND WHEREAS, due to privacy concerns, the federal government will not be releasing the locations of the licensed facilities being phased out thus making it impossible for local authorities to ensure that production at these facilities has ceased and the premises are properly remediated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the locational information on the medical marihuana licences under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations be provided on a confidential basis to local governments in order to enable local authorities to ensure that production has ceased and the premises are properly remediated for health and safety reasons.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended by adding “multiple” before “medical”; deleting “s” from “licenses”; and inserting the phrase “in residentially zoned areas” after “production”, was not endorsed.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**R6 MASS CASUALTY MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS**

**Ucluelet**

WHEREAS in the event of a major disaster, in particular a Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) event (i.e., an earthquake with a magnitude 8 or greater followed by a subsequent tsunami) within BC’s southwest seismic activity zone, the system of mass casualty medical emergency preparedness in the province of BC is ineffective for high risk remote communities that do not have Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) hospitals and clinics;

AND WHEREAS fast and wide reaching mass casualty medical strategies are necessary to save lives for communities that will potentially have no access to medical centres and/or hospitals due to catastrophic damage:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the provincial and federal governments to establish a world-class mass casualty medical emergency preparedness plan for high risk communities in BC’s southwest seismic activity zone that do not have VIHA hospitals and clinics.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**ELECTIONS**

**R7 THREE YEAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TERM**

**Metchosin**

WHEREAS finding a diversity of citizens to run for council positions becomes more difficult as the length of term increases;

AND WHEREAS a three year term allows citizens to hold local governments more accountable, through the voting process:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province to retain three year terms.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**OF1 FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**Oak Bay**

WHEREAS the majority of local governments in BC have signed the Climate Action Charter, with 31 of them already achieving carbon neutrality and many others making significant progress towards this goal;

AND WHEREAS the April 2014 Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reaffirmed and amplified the warnings of previous scientific reports about the impacts and costs of global climate change;

AND WHEREAS an effective response to this fundamental issue presents the opportunity for new, high-skilled jobs and security for our Province's future and avoiding significant future costs;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the UBCM calls upon the Province to recommit to meeting the goals of BC's Climate Action Charter:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT establish a process, in partnership with local governments, to evaluate BC's climate change targets in the context of the 2014 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report;

AND THAT the UBCM bring a resolution to the FCM's 2015 AGM calling upon the Government of Canada to work with other countries in Paris in 2015 to develop an international treaty to replace the Kyoto Protocol that responds to the 2014 IPCC report.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ADMITTED FOR DEBATE**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **R8 REGULATION OF MOTORIZED MOBILITY AIDS OPERATION**

**Sechelt District**

WHEREAS the unregulated operation of motorized mobility aids in public areas creates safety risks for the operators and the public;

AND WHEREAS there is no provincial legislation that regulates the safe operation of motorized mobility aids or that requires operators to demonstrate acceptable cognitive and physical abilities, health or knowledge of safe motorized mobility aids operation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to expedite the enactment of legislation to regulate the operation of motorized mobility aids in public areas and set acceptable levels for operator abilities and knowledge.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by adding the phrase "in consultation with BC Coalition for People with Disabilities, SPARC and Municipal Disability Committees" after "public areas," was endorsed.

The motion, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to expedite the enactment of legislation to regulate the operation of motorized mobility aids in public areas in consultation with BC Coalition for People with Disabilities, SPARC and Municipal Disability Committees and set acceptable levels for operator abilities and knowledge.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was NOT ENDORSED**

### **SR2 AVICC EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION**

**AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS the implementation of operating fees on Vancouver Island remains an issue of critical importance to AVICC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC:

1. Continue to lobby the Provincial Government to expedite the passage of legislation to permit the collection of operating fees within AVICC.
2. Recommend to members that they NOT formally enter into any new operating agreements until such time as the required legislation is passed and the full impacts of the amalgamation phase-in are determined.
3. Strike a policy advisory group of municipal CAO's to gather information and make recommendations to the membership regarding the final implementation of operating fees.

On motion, duly moved and seconded that the resolution be amended to add "for natural gas" after "operating fees" in point (1), and add "with Fortis BC" before "until such time" in point (2) was endorsed.

The motion, as amended, then read:

WHEREAS the implementation of operating fees on Vancouver Island remains an issue of critical importance to AVICC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC:

1. Continue to lobby the provincial government to expedite the passage of legislation to permit the collection of operating fees for natural gas within AVICC;
2. Recommend to members that they not formally enter into any new operating agreements with Fortis BC until such time as the required legislation is passed and the full impacts of the amalgamation phase-in are determined; and
3. Strike a policy advisory group of municipal CAO's to gather information and make recommendations to the membership regarding the final implementation of operating fees.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

## **TAXATION & ASSESSMENT**

### **R9 UTILITY BILL DEFERRAL**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS utility billing, once included as a part of property taxes, is increasingly being billed separately by local governments;

AND WHEREAS this has unintended consequences of creating potential financial hardship for seniors, people with disabilities, surviving spouses, and families with children who participate in the provincial Tax Deferment Program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to include municipal utility bills in the Tax Deferment Program.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

### **R10 CLASSIFICATION SPLIT ON ACCOMMODATION HOTELS**

**Ucluelet**

WHEREAS BC Assessment in 2007 introduced a new classification methodology that permitted "strata accommodation properties" to be split-classified between Class 6 and Class 1 – residential to reflect a dual use of these properties (personal residential and commercial use);

AND WHEREAS the re-assessment of certain properties, which continue to be zoned for commercial uses only, has significantly reduced the tax base of smaller tourist based communities throughout BC which planned in accordance to the proposed uses and commercial land base within their OCPs, tax and budget forecast:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of BC review its methodology for split classification in cases where the zoning precludes residential uses as a permitted use.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**FINANCE**

**R11 VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY INCREASED COSTS Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Regional Library provides important service valued by the local communities it serves;

AND WHEREAS the cost of Vancouver Island Regional Library services is increasing well beyond the rate of inflation on an annual basis – a rate that many local communities set for the cost increases of their own essential services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities request the Vancouver Island Regional Library to undertake a thorough review for the purposes of developing a strategy to live within the rate of inflation to minimize the financial burden on local tax payers while continuing to provide a financially sustainable service.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R12 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR COAL TRANSPORT Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS assessment studies provided to Port Metro Vancouver have not assessed the environmental or health impacts related to the release of coal dust during barge transfer and transport over coastal waters between the Port of Metro Vancouver and Texada Island;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism that provides oversight or ensures the implementation of mitigation measures to minimize environmental and health impacts of coal transport over coastal waters:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a comprehensive environmental and health impact assessment for the shipment of coal over coastal waters be conducted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate federal and/or provincial agency be named to monitor barge transfer and transport of coal over coastal waters to ensure oversight and implementation of environmental and health protection measures.

On motion, duly moved and seconded to adopt the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee to remove “between Port Metro Vancouver and Texada Island” in the first clause was endorsed.

The motion as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a comprehensive environmental and health impact assessment for the shipment of coal over coastal waters be conducted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate federal and/or provincial agency be named to monitor barge transfer and transport of coal over coastal waters to ensure oversight and implementation of environmental and health protection measures.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**R13 SEWER MANAGEMENT RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**Cumberland**

WHEREAS all local governments deal with wastewater treatment and it is in local governments' interest to be assisted with best practices;

AND WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia municipalities is an advocate for local governments' common interests and serves local governments' common needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to establish resources and staff hours to assist with the development and management of sewage treatment systems for local governments.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**LAND USE**

**R14 MARIHUANA PRODUCTION ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

**Nanaimo City**

WHEREAS the Province, through BC Assessment, regards medical marihuana production as a 'farm use' for assessment purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Province, through the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*, includes medical marihuana production as a 'farm use':

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Province amend legislation and regulations in order to remove the production of medical marihuana as a 'farm use' in terms of taxation assessment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Province amend legislation and regulations in order to allow communities to regulate the production of medical marihuana within the agricultural land reserve through land use planning provisions provided in the *Local Government Act*.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**R15 OWNER-OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT FOR SECONDARY SUITES**

**View Royal**

WHEREAS communities want to see well-maintained residential neighbourhoods where neighbours are mutually respectful;

AND WHEREAS there is generally a higher duty of care shown to neighbours in communities with owner-occupied properties and by tenants when owners are present:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be required to amend Part 26 of the *Local Government Act* granting the authority to require secondary suites be permitted in owner-occupied homes only.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**R16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS & ANTENNAE**

**Nanaimo City**

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have received three Union of British Columbia Municipalities endorsed resolutions since 2002 regarding telecommunications towers and antennae;



AND WHEREAS the federal government, through Industry Canada, retains sole discretion to reject or approve proposals, regardless of community deliberations and planning;

AND WHEREAS local governments and residents continue to express frustration and dissatisfaction with the existing Industry Canada process:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Province of British Columbia, once again call on the federal government to require that in addition to federal legislation and regulations, all telecommunications towers, antennae and structures are subject to local government bylaw compliance.

**WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR**

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**R17 SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK**

**Duncan**

WHEREAS every British Columbian depends on social services, health care, justice and education services;

AND WHEREAS our communities are partners in the delivery of many of these services and are facing increasingly complex social challenges requiring coordination between multiple social ministries of government, municipalities and the community agencies and organizations that deliver services to the public:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal governments of British Columbia call upon the Premier to begin a consultation with British Columbians to initiate the development of a social policy framework that will set out key policy directions, values, priorities, roles and expectations, and guide the creation of public policy to meet our social needs now and into the future.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**R18 BANNING WILDLIFE TRAPPING**

**Nanaimo City**

WHEREAS the Province has indicated a review of wildlife trapping regulations is underway;

AND WHEREAS the use of body and leg hold traps within urban areas continues to pose an unacceptable risk of injuries to humans and pets, and the unrestricted sale of traps to unlicensed individuals continues;

AND WHEREAS since 2012, the Province has not provided the required ministerial approval for wildlife trapping bylaws submitted from the City of Vernon, City of Surrey, District of Sechelt and City of Nanaimo:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Province provide ministerial approval to local government bylaws in a timely manner, until such time that the Province completes a review of the trapping regulations.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**R18A SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS & SPECIALISTS IN BC**

**Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS there is a shortage of physicians and medical specialists in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC is recruiting physicians and medical specialists from other countries to practice in British Columbia to address this shortage:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to allow British Columbia students who have obtained a medical degree outside of Canada to do their clinical residency and practice in British

Columbia.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, to adopt the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee was endorsed. The motion then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities lobby the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Province of British Columbia to allow Canadian students who have obtained a medical degree outside of Canada to do their clinical residency and practice in British Columbia.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, to add “and the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons” after “and Province of British Columbia”. The motion then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities lobby the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Province of British Columbia and the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons to allow Canadian students who have obtained a medical degree outside of Canada to do their clinical residency and practice in British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution R19 be removed from the Section B block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for the resolutions in the Section B block as amended be adopted, was endorsed.

The remaining resolutions in the Section B block were endorsed as follows:

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**R20 ADEQUATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT POLICE BASED VICTIM SERVICES Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS the provincial Police Based Victim Services Program provides valuable support and referral services to victims of crime and trauma in BC communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government does not fully fund this program which is affecting the ability for community victim services programs to provide proper services to support our victims of crime:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities request the Province of British Columbia to provide adequate funding to support the Police Based Victim Services Program.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**R21 TRANSPORT CANADA DIVESTITURE OF ASSETS Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS Transport Canada is actively working to divest essential infrastructure in remote coastal communities;

AND WHEREAS this infrastructure is vital to small communities with limited resources to assume responsibility for these assets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities work with UBCM and FCM to ensure the federal government continues to own, operate and manage its infrastructure

especially in small remote communities.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**R22 AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE & AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission, created as an autonomous body in 1974, has served to protect over four million hectares of farmland in the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS measures to protect farmland and support farmers and regional food systems are essential to provide food security in the face of increasing global transportation and energy costs and the impacts of climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) request that the provincial government respect the integrity of the province-wide Agricultural Land Reserve and support its management by an independent and adequately funded Agricultural Land Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government work with the agricultural community, UBCM and local governments to identify and implement additional measures that will increase the viability of farming and food production in British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

Chair Cross then commenced consideration of the resolution that had been removed from the Section B block for individual consideration.

**LEGISLATIVE**

**R19 BREACH OF CLOSED MEETING CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Nanaimo City**

WHEREAS all duly elected council and regional board members swear an Oath of Office to uphold important ethical standards in compliance with the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*,

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon each council and board member to maintain absolute confidentiality in all matters discussed during a closed meeting and to protect the confidentiality of documents under section 117 of the *Community Charter*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* be amended to provide that a council or board member who breaches the confidentiality obligations under section 117 of the *Community Charter* will be subject to:

1. disqualification from office in the same manner as if they have a pecuniary interest in a matter in respect of which they participate in the debate and voting; and
2. prosecution under the *Offence Act* for breach of an offence.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by replacing the word “will” with the word “may,” was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* be amended to provide that a council or board member who breaches the confidentiality obligations under section 117 of the

*Community Charter* may be subject to:

1. disqualification from office in the same manner as if they have a pecuniary interest in a matter in respect of which they participate in the debate and voting; and
2. prosecution under the *Offence Act* for breach of an offence.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to sever the enactment clause in order to debate the “subject to” clauses numbered (1) and (2) individually, was endorsed.

The resolution, as severed into two separate enactment clauses, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* be amended to provide that a council or board member who breaches the confidentiality obligations under section 117 of the *Community Charter* may be subject to disqualification from office in the same manner as if they have a pecuniary interest in a matter in respect of which they participate in the debate and voting.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* be amended to provide that a council or board member who breaches the confidentiality obligations under section 117 of the *Community Charter* may be subject to prosecution under the *Offence Act* for breach of an offence.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was NOT ENDORSED**

**PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Chair Cross presented the “Report and Recommendations on Late Resolutions.”

**A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE**

LR1	Water Pricing Principles	Sunshine Coast Regional District
LR2	Federal Government Support	City of Port Alberni
LR5	Provincial Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs	Regional District of Nanaimo

**B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE**

(Issues known before the deadline for resolutions)

LR3	Parenting Plan	District of Metchosin
LR4	CSA Certified Standard for Recreational & Sport Helmets	City of Powell River
LR6	Provincial Woodstove Program	Regional District of Nanaimo

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to refer all of the late resolutions to the AVICC Executive, was endorsed.