



# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONVENTION  
APRIL 10-12, 2015 - COURTENAY, BC

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015**

## ***Morning Pre-Conference Program***

8:00am–9:00 am **Pre-Conference Registration** (*Upper Foyer, Florence Filberg Centre*)

8:30am-Noon **Pre-Conference Option #1 – Building Cultural Bridges: Reconciliation in Action** (*Back of the Main Hall, Florence Filberg Centre*)

8:30-11:30 am **Pre-Conference Option #2 – Study Tour of the North Island Hospitals Project and Vancouver Island Visitor Centre** (*Front of the Main Hall, Florence Filberg Centre*)

12:30pm-4:00pm **Main Registration** (*Upper Foyer, Florence Filberg Centre*)

## ***AGM & Convention Main Program – (Main Hall, Florence Filberg Centre)***

1:45 pm Official Opening  
Piper – *Pipe Major Bill Quig*  
Courtenay Fire Department Honor Guard  
Convention Opening Remarks – *President Barbara Price*  
O Canada – *Keisja Cox*  
K'mugwe Dancers with Welcome by *Andy Everson, K'ómoks and Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations*  
Welcome from Host Community – *Mayor Larry Jangula*  
Convention Program Overview – *President Barbara Price*

2:15 pm Icebreaker Activity – AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill

2:25 pm Nominating Committee Report, *Past President Joe Stanhope*

2:30 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Tonia S. Winchester, Former Deputy Campaign Director, Washington State Initiative 502**

3:30 pm Refreshment Break

3:50 pm **Update on Special Committee on Expense Limits - Parliamentary Secretary Linda Reimer**

4:20 pm Nominations from the Floor for Officers  
Candidate Speeches (as necessary)

4:25 pm **Future of BC Ferries – Colin Palmer**, AVICC Director, Chair of the Regional District Coastal Ferry Group and Powell River RD Director; and **Alison Morse**, Bowen Island Municipal Councillor, Islands Trust Council Trustee and Co-chair of Ferry Advisory Committee

5:20 pm Final Comments and Wrap-Up  
Draw for 8" Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 16 GB Donated by Monk Office Supply  
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5:30 pm Adjourn

5:30 - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception and Marketplace & Tradeshow – (*Native Sons Hall*)  
Background music by Fiddlejam

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# SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

*The Marketplace & Tradeshow is Open from 7:15 – 8:30 am and 12:45 – 1:30 pm Today!*

- 7:15-8:15 am Working Breakfast Presentation – **Regulation of Forest Management Activities on Private Managed Forest Lands** (*Rotary Hall*)  
Delegates Networking Breakfast (*Native Sons Hall*)
- 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 2014 Annual General Meeting  
President's Address and Annual Report  
Adoption of the 2014 Audited Financial Statements  
Appointment of Auditors  
Appointment of Scrutineers  
Appointment of Parliamentarian  
2016 AGM & Convention Location
- 8:45 am Review of Resolution Procedures
- 8:50 am Consideration of Resolutions
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 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 **Update on Natural Gas Operating Agreements – Gord Schoberg**, Senior Manager,  
Municipal & Aboriginal Relations, FortisBC
- 12:00 noon Delegates Luncheon
- 12:45-1:30 pm Dessert & Coffee and Final Visit to the Tradeshow (*Native Sons Hall*)
- 1:10 – 1:25 pm Physical Activity Break Led by Tofino Mayor and AVICC Director Josie Osborne (*Meet at Main Entrance of the Native Sons Hall*)
- 12:45-1:30 pm Elections for Director at Large (*Upper Foyer*)
- Concurrent Workshops**
- 1:30-2:30 pm #1 – Why Municipal Support is Necessary: Building Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing (*Front of Main Hall*)  
#2 – Wastewater Treatment/Resource Recovery Advances (*Back of Main Hall*)  
#3 – Open Space Workshop (*Rotary Hall*)
- 2:30-3:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:00-4:00 pm #1 – Planning for Island-wide Intermodal Transportation (*Front of Main Hall*)  
#2 – Converting Waste to Energy: How does it work? What does it cost? What are the impacts? (*Back of Main Hall*)
- 6:15-11:00 pm Reception (*Courtenay Museum*) and Annual Banquet (*Florence Filberg Centre Main Hall*)  
6:15 pm Reception  
7:30 pm Buffet Dinner  
8:45 pm Keisja Cox. Musician  
9:15 pm Short Program  
9:35 pm John Reynolds, Musical Comedian

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**

- 7:15-8:15 am Delegates Networking Hot Breakfast (*Native Sons Hall*)
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks  
Nominating Committee Report  
Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative  
Candidate Speeches (as necessary)
- 8:35 am **Address by UBCM President – Burnaby Councillor Sav Dahliwal**
- 8:55 am Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions
- 9:45 am **Address by Leader of the Official Opposition – Mr. John Horgan**
- 10:15-10:45 am Elections for Electoral Area Representative as Necessary (*Upper Foyer*)
- 10:15-10:45 am Refreshment Break
- 10:45 am **Who's Covering Your Assets? – Tom Barnes**, CEO and General Counsel, Municipal Insurance Association
- 11:45 am Final Business Session  
Nominating Committee Report (as required)  
Installation of New Executive  
Remarks by President Elect  
Grand Prize Draw - *Must Be Present To Win*  
• Inside Passage Cruise Aboard BC Ferries
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Special thanks are extended to the City of Courtenay for hosting the 2015 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 many community partners for your contributions:

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- Island Joy Rides
- Locals Restaurant
- Old House Village Hotel & Spa
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- Scotia Bank
- Signature Oil & Vinegar Tasting Bar

# MINI MARKETPLACE & TRADE SHOW

## Hours

Friday – 5:30-7:30 pm

Saturday – 7:15 – 8:30 am & 12:45 – 1:30 pm

## Location

Native Sons Hall

## PARTICIPANTS

Association for Mineral Exploration BC & GeoScience BC

BC Assessment

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit

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### Saturday Evening Banquet Shuttle Schedule

*Thank you to BC Transit and the Comox Valley Regional District for providing the complimentary shuttle service between the hotels and Courtenay Museum/Filberg Centre. Following is the schedule:*

Pick-up schedule departure times:

**Crown Isle: 6:10 pm (Added)**  
**Old House: 6:30 pm, 6:50 pm (Changed)**  
**Holiday Inn: 6:05 pm, 6:25 pm, 6:45 pm**  
**Best Western: 6:10 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:50 pm**

Departing from Florence Filberg Centre back to hotels:  
**9:40 pm, 10:05 pm, 10:35 pm, 10:50 pm (if required)**

## **Keynote Speaker - Tonia S. Winchester, Former Deputy Campaign Director, Washington State Initiative 502**

Marijuana legalization is an important topic facing Vancouver Island and its surrounding communities. With Washington state just across the border implementing a state-wide recreational marijuana system and the launch of Canada's nationwide medical marijuana mail-to-order program, MMPR, the issue is even more pressing. What are the challenges of implementing full legalization, and how should communities start addressing the topic? What worked in Washington State, and how does the current system in Canada actually operate? Tonia will provide an overview of the Washington state campaign, the current MMPR model, and will answer your questions about what your community needs to be thinking about as you approach the Canadian federal elections this year.

Tonia is a former Seattle Prosecutor who worked as Deputy Campaign Director, Washington State Initiative 502 that successfully legalized marijuana in Washington State by a 56-44 margin in November of 2012. Her role included forging alliances and getting endorsements from many groups traditionally seen as hostile to marijuana reform, as well as speaking across the state advocating for a new approach to Washington State's marijuana laws.

Most recently Tonia led the initial operational team that established and managed the Tilray medical marijuana production facility in Nanaimo, British Columbia - one of the largest medical marijuana production facilities in all of Canada. Tonia continues to speak across both the US and Canada advocating for the responsible and regulated legalization of cannabis, as well as working to help ethical and progressive businesses get established within the cannabis industry.

Tonia received her B.A. from the University of Washington and graduated cum laude from Seattle University School of Law.

## **Saturday Morning Working Breakfast**

### **Regulation of Forest Management Activities on Private Managed Forest Land**

The Managed Forest Council will discuss its role as the regulator of forest management practices on private managed forest land. The session will provide delegates with specific knowledge on the Managed Forest Program, its provincial mandate and the effectiveness of its professional reliance model in protecting five key resource areas on private managed forest land. The presentation is designed to answer questions elected officials may have around Council regulatory standards and how an owner's performance around these standards are evaluated through its ongoing inspection and investigation program.

Presenter: Rod Davis, Chair, Managed Forest Council

## **Plenary Presentations and Concurrent Workshops**

### **Future of Coastal Ferry Services**

For decades, local governments have been concerned about the negative impacts of coastal ferry fare increases on their communities. In 2014, concerns intensified with fare increases, the implementation of provincially-mandated service cuts to lifeline ferry routes, and the release of the UBCM report *Boatswains to the Bollards: A Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of BC Ferries* that documented the serious socioeconomic impacts caused by high ferry fares. This session will provide an overview of the BC Ferry Commissioner's preliminary decision for price caps that will apply to coastal ferry fares for 2016-2020 and resulting potential implications. It will also provide background on the Coastal Regional District Chairs Group's work and recent meetings with the Minister and the Ferry Commissioner. This session is intended to stimulate a lively discussion about visions for the coastal ferry service from 2016 forward, and next steps for local government to consider as the provincial government reviews the Commissioners Report and the Coastal Ferry Services Contract with BC Ferries from April to June 30.

Presenters: Colin Palmer, Director of the Powell River Regional District, Chair of the Regional District Coastal Ferry Group and AVICC Director and Alison Morse, Bowen Island Municipal Councillor, Island Trust Trustee and Co-Chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs

### **Who's Covering Your Assets?**

Local governments' linear assets are the foundation on which our communities are built. The immediate and long-term successful recovery and rebuilding efforts following a natural catastrophe are critical to health, safety and community wellbeing. There is no insurance to cover the cost of repairs, so reliance is currently placed on funding from senior levels of government. Yet funding gaps in disaster programs will produce significant unfunded liabilities at the local government level. These gaps can be addressed with

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measured funding and established risk financing techniques. This session will focus on identifying those funding gaps, assessing their magnitude, and implementing mitigation techniques.

Presenter: Tom Barnes, CEO and General Counsel, Municipal Insurance Association

### **Why Municipal Support is Necessary: Building Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing**

With greater proportions of our population living in core housing need (221,470 of British Columbia households in Core Housing Need in 2006 and 23% of all British Columbia households are paying more than 50% of their income on rent in 2014), compounded by limited funds and shrinking federal government support for housing, non-profit organizations are experiencing increased pressure to service our vulnerable sector with inadequate support. This session is a push for action by local governments to positively utilize their planning power to advance affordable housing initiatives. This session will provide an overview of why effective collaboration between municipal governments and non-profits is necessary, and will highlight specific ways municipal governments can support non-profits in developing affordable housing.

Presenters: Kevin Albers, CEO and Kaela Schramm, Director of Projects and Planning, M'akola Development Services

### **Wastewater Treatment/Resource Recovery Advances**

An advanced wastewater treatment facility, Sechelt's Water Resource Centre (WRC) is designed to process wastewater into dewatered biosolids suitable for composting and high quality effluent water suitable for a wide range of reuses. State of the art technology and innovation in design reduce both pollutant discharge and operating costs. With noise and odour minimization, a compact footprint and appealing design, the WRC is integrated into a park space that complements the adjacent nature reserve and residential community. Removal of hormones and pharmaceuticals from effluent water using biochar made from the biosolids is slated to be tested at the WRC in 2015.

Presenter: Paul Nash, Project Coordinator, Sechelt Water Resource Centre

### **Planning for Island-wide Intermodal Transportation**

Whether the focus is rapid transit in Greater Victoria, container shipping in Nanaimo, LNG in Port Alberni, passenger/cargo rail, export capacity, BC Ferry schedules, new road proposals, airport expansions, public transit efficiencies, foot passenger ferries, peak session shipping capacity, or barging solid waste, it is time for a comprehensive intermodal transportation plan to turn what is widely viewed as an 'Island liability' into an economic advantage. Our panel of experts will engage your ideas as we work toward a prioritized plan to improve connectiveness, efficiency and accessibility.

Panel Members: George Hanson, President, VIEA; Dave Willie, VIEA Director, Member of VIEA Transportation Committee, and former Qualicum Beach Councillor; Josie Osborne, Tofino Mayor and Alberni-Clayoquot RD Chair; Fred Bigelow, CEO, Comox Airport Commission; and Bernie Dumas, President & CEO, Nanaimo Port Authority

### **Converting Waste to Energy: How does it work? How does it fit? What does it cost? What are the impacts?**

This information session will provide a high-level overview of energy extraction from the residual waste stream after recycling. Firstly, technologies will be discussed, from the conventional burning for heat, through the making of fuel from the waste, to the less conventional conversion of waste into burnable gas. We will see how waste to energy fits into an integrated waste management program, and how it might add value and what it could cost. Potential impacts, such as air pollution and ash disposal will be looked at as well as the greenhouse gas balance. Finally we hope to help you answer the question: Should this be something we believe is good for our community and society?

Presenter: Konrad Fichtner, P. Eng., Morrison Hershfield

### **Open Space Workshop**

Open Space is an interactive opportunity for conference participants to seize control of the agenda and talk about the topics that matter to you - so come armed with ideas, questions, and an open mind, and follow the law of two feet: *If you find yourself in a situation where you are not contributing or learning, move somewhere where you can.*"

Facilitator: AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill

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