

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

2016 AGM & CONVENTION

Nanaimo, BC
April 8-10, 2016



This year we are happy to be back in Nanaimo - the Harbour City - for our 2016 AGM and Convention. The City is generously hosting AVICC members at its stunning conference centre right downtown on the harbour.

We have an exciting program in place for our members this year. Please take a look at this brochure to see what's on offer, and then register online at:

www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AVICC

We'll be sending out more information with a detailed program in the next few weeks. Updates will be posted on our website at www.avicc.ca

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Chief Robert Joseph Reconciliation Canada



Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, O.B.C. is a true peace-builder whose life and work are examples of his personal commitment. A Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation, Robert has dedicated his life to bridging the differences brought about by intolerance, lack of understanding and racism at home and abroad.

His insights into the destructive impacts these forces can have on peoples' lives, families and cultures were shaped by his experience with the Canadian Indian Residential School system.

In 2003, Chief Joseph received an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from the University of British Columbia for his distinguished achievements in serving BC and Canada. In 2012, he was presented The Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. In 2014, he received the Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue from Simon Fraser University and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Vancouver School of Theology for his work in reconciliation and renewing relationships between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. In 2015, Chief Joseph was presented a Deputy Ministers' Recognition Award for Collaboration and Partnerships and was appointed to the Order of British Columbia, the Province of British Columbia's highest honour.

Chief Joseph is currently the Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada and a member of the National Assembly of First Nations Elders Council. He was formerly the Executive Director of the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and is an honorary witness to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As Chairman of the Native American Leadership Alliance for Peace and Reconciliation and Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation with the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IFWP), Chief Joseph has sat with the leaders of South Africa, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia and Washington, DC to learn from and share his understanding of faith, hope, healing and reconciliation.

2016 PROGRAM IN BRIEF

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

8:45 am	Pre-Conference Workshops
2:00 pm	Official Opening, Keynote Address, Minister of CSCD Address, Presentation
5:30 pm	Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

7:30 am	Hot Breakfast - Choice of Networking or Presentation
8:00 am	Elections for Table Officers
8:30 am	UBCM President's Address and Resolutions
Noon	Delegate Luncheon
1:30 pm	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
2:30 pm	Elections for Director at Large
6:30 pm	Reception
7:30 pm	Dinner & Timebenders

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

7:30 am	Networking Hot Breakfast
8:30 am	Resolutions & Late Resolutions, Elections for EA Representative, Address by the Leader of the Opposition, Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
12 noon	Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Understanding the Village (Cultural Connections)

8:30 am – noon, Friday, April 8, 2016

Cost: \$40

This is an experiential workshop that takes participants through the process of creating a pre-contact village before introducing the rationale, actions and effects of colonization. It then looks at how to integrate this knowledge into our work, families, community and how we move forward from a place of deeper understanding.

Participants who choose to come to this workshop often comment that when they arrived they believed they understood a bit about the issues facing Aboriginal communities on a cognitive level. But, after participating in the workshop, their level of understanding deepened along with their awareness. Interviews with former participants can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vCQC-9DRLc> and here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s29Bu9SQs>

This workshop is geared towards solutions rather than recrimination and can provoke emotional responses in participants. The facilitators of this workshop will be supported and guided by several Cowichan Elders.

Tour: Tilray Medical Marijuana Production Facility

9:00 – 11:30 am, Friday, April 8, 2016

Limited to 25 Participants, max of 2 per local government

Cost: \$20

This is an opportunity to tour the production facilities at one of Vancouver Island's largest marijuana growing facilities.

Participants are asked to fill out a waiver and a non-disclosure agreement. There will be bus transportation provided to the facility for a tour of approximately 90 minutes. Flat shoes and comfortable dress are recommended.

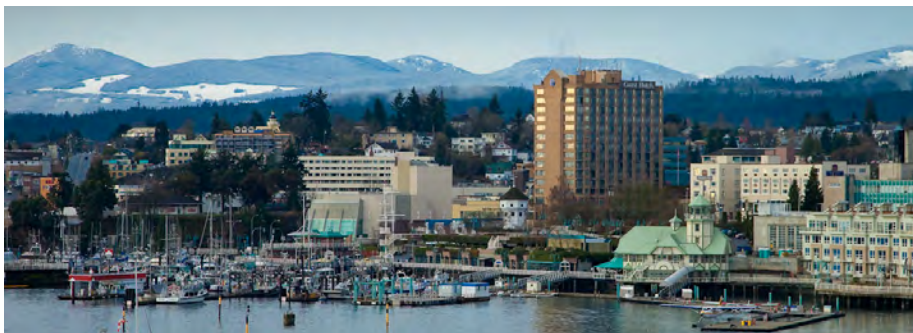


Mayors Council

10:00 – noon, Friday, April 8, 2016

Cost: \$15

This is an opportunity for AVICC mayors to meet together to discuss issues of mutual interest and share current initiatives.





CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Program Format

Based on a successful tradition, the 2016 program will integrate the regular business of the annual general meeting, debate resolutions, hold elections, and enjoy a variety of presentations and workshops on topical issues, addresses by key political speakers and opportunities for networking.

A draft of the detailed program is included at the end of this brochure. In order to accommodate emergent issues, the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

Some program highlights that have been confirmed include:

- ✓ **Address from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development**
- ✓ **Mediation and Conflict Resolution - LGLA**
- ✓ **Social Procurement and Social Enterprise**
- ✓ **Tour of the City of Nanaimo's new Water Treatment Plant**
- ✓ **Open Space Workshop**
- ✓ **Electoral Area Directors Forum**
- ✓ **Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management**

Political Speakers

Invitations have been extended to Premier Christy Clark; Leader of the Official Opposition Mr. John Horgan; Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender; Dr. Andrew Weaver, Leader of the BC Green Party; and UBCM President, Chair Al Richmond.

Saturday Working Breakfast Session

Agricultural Land Commission

The Agricultural Land Commission has a new Chair, a new CEO and is operating under updated legislation and regulations. The presenters will provide an update on the new operations of the Commission, and its relevance to local governments.

Presenters: Frank Leonard, ALC Chair; Kim Groot, ALC CEO; and Jennifer Dyson, ALC Vice-Chair and Chair of the Vancouver Island Panel.

Trade Show

As in past years, AVICC will host a small Trade Show adjacent to the main ballroom. Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths - please thank them for supporting our Convention and allowing us to keep our fees low.

The Trade Show will be open during the Friday evening Welcome Reception, the Saturday morning hot breakfasts and in conjunction with the Saturday lunch dessert and morning and afternoon networking breaks.

RESOLUTIONS

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions received prior to the **February 22, 2016** deadline will be processed and included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book that will be sent to members in late-March.

Late Resolutions

Resolutions received after the deadline are considered "late" but will be accepted by the Executive Coordinator up until noon, **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**.

Members are reminded that, to be admitted for debate, a late resolution must be deemed to be of an urgent or emergency nature and should address an issue that has arisen after the February 22 deadline date.

The Resolutions Committee will review all late resolutions and prepare a report to the Convention including a recommendation as to whether the resolution meets the criteria and should be admitted for debate.

Reminder

*Resolutions and Nominations
Deadline
February 22, 2016*

See www.avicc.ca for submission requirements and nomination forms.

NETWORKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Providing delegates with the opportunity to connect with colleagues and develop new relationships are key program objectives. In addition to hot breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday morning, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and Saturday's Delegate Lunch, two networking and social highlights of the 2016 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet.

2016 Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm on Friday evening in the Newcastle Island Lobby of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. You will be able to walk straight out of the business sessions to enjoy food and drink with your colleagues.

Annual Banquet

The pre-banquet reception will be held in the Nanaimo Museum, on the ground floor of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Enjoy a drink on the AVICC while you have the opportunity to look at the displays. The banquet itself will be back upstairs in the ballroom of the Conference Centre.

We are very excited to have secured the Timebenders to entertain us after dinner. The Timebenders' experience is just that, an experience. It is a musical romp through the ages featuring the best dance music and outrageous impersonations of the greatest stars over the last 60 years.

A very fast-paced and high-energy presentation makes this show irresistible to dancers – and with amazing costume changes and up-beat choreography, an exciting show to watch! It's a 6-piece group of today's most talented young musicians who present songs, costumes and personalities from the 50's right up to this afternoon.



ELECTIONS

The membership elects directors during the AGM & Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to AVICC between Conventions.

The following positions are open for nomination

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

To be included in *The Report on Nominations*, nominations must be received by February 22, 2016.

For further information on the elections process or to submit a nomination, please contact:

Past President Joe Stanhope
Chair, 2016 Nominating Committee
c/o AVICC, 525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

email: avicc@ubcm.ca
or visit our website at www.avicc.ca

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PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Partners and other guests are encouraged to accompany delegates. In addition to joining delegates for the Friday Welcome Reception and the Saturday Reception and Banquet, the City of Nanaimo is offering three special tours for partners.

Walking Tour - Hudson Bay Bastion, Miner's Cottage and Nanaimo Museum Friday, April 8 - 10:00 - noon Cost: \$15.00 per person

This is your chance to see the inside of Nanaimo's historic Bastion, built in 1853. You will also visit the old Miner's cottage to see how a typical coal mining family lived in this 1890's heritage home and see No. 19, a locomotive from the 1880's. Afterwards you will have a chance to visit Nanaimo's museum. All three attractions are within a short walk from the Conference Centre.

A Taste of Nanaimo – Local Food, Craft Beverage & Estate Winery Tour Friday, April 8 - 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm Maximum Participants: 30 Cost: \$65 per person

Discover part of Vancouver Island's amazing local food, craft beverage & estate winery scene as you tour through Nanaimo. Sip by sip & nibble by nibble, explore Nanaimo's family owned vineyards, breweries, distilleries and local food producers as you are guided throughout the city. The tour includes bus transport and snacks including, of course, nanaimo bars. You may wish to have a light lunch beforehand.

Visit to Newcastle Island Saturday, April 9 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Maximum Participants: 80 Cost: \$20 per person

Begins at the Totem Pole where both a BC Parks naturalist interpreter and a traditional Snuneymuxw guide will lead you through an informative walking tour of the Island. With this combined knowledge of natural marine, wildlife and plants and traditional teachings you will learn how the Snuneymuxw people lived and used the Island over the generations including the natural beauty of the Island today. The tour is approximately 2 hours plus a 15 minute ferry ride each way. You will walk about 2 km so please wear walking shoes and bring raingear. There will be snacks but participants should eat lunch beforehand. We will meet at the conference centre and walk across the street to the harbour to catch the ferry to the island.

Delegates must pre-register using the conference registration form. Tours will proceed rain or shine. Please bring an umbrella and raincoat if the weather is inclement.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The City of Nanaimo and neighboring communities offer a host of activities including golfing, fishing, scuba diving, mountain biking, walking tours, fossil-hunting and exploring the shops in the historic downtown.

See <http://www.tourismnanaimo.com/things-to-do> for information on where to explore, eat, play and special offers.



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LOGISTICS

Accommodation

Five hotels have been identified as the main accommodation providers for Convention delegates. Visit <http://avicc.ca/2016-convention-accommodations/> for rates and booking information

Conference Venues

All sessions will be held at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street.

Parking

Paid parking is available at the Conference Centre.

How To Register

Registration forms are available through CivicInfo at:

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/AVICC>

Choose your delegate type through the drop down menu. There is an early bird and cancellation deadline of **Friday, March 18, 2016**.

	Early (By March 18)	Late (After March 18)
Delegate Fees Includes Welcome Reception	\$199	\$239
Non-Member Delegate Fees	\$239	\$287
Annual Banquet	\$52	\$62
Welcome Reception for Partners	\$31	\$37

For More Information

The most current information will be posted on the website at www.avicc.ca

Please check back regularly for updates. For specific questions, please contact:

Liz Cookson, AVICC Executive Coordinator
email: lcookson@ubcm.ca
phone: (250) 356-5122

HOST COMMUNITY



The host community for the 2016 AGM & Convention is the City of Nanaimo. Mayor Bill McKay and Council are thanked for their generous hospitality. Staff from the City of Nanaimo are thanked for their assistance with the Convention.

All local contributors are thanked for their contribution in making the 2016 AGM & Convention a terrific experience for all.



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67TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONVENTION
APRIL 8-10, 2016 - NANAIMO, BC
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FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

Morning Pre-Conference Program

- 8:00–9:00 am **Pre-Conference Registration** (*Newcastle Island Lobby*)
- 8:30–Noon **Understanding the Village** (*Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Room TBD*)
- 9:00–11:30 am **Off-Site Tour: Tilray Marijuana Production Facility**
- 10:00–Noon **Mayors Council** (*Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Room TBD*)
- Satellite Event: Youth Council** (*Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Room TBD*)
- 12:30–4:00 pm **Main Registration** (*Newcastle Island Lobby*)

AGM & Convention Main Program – (Mount Benson Ballroom)

- 2:00 pm Official Opening
Piper – *Pipe Major*
Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks – *President Barbara Price*
O Canada – *Singer*
First Nations Welcome -
Welcome from Host Community – *Mayor Bill McKay*
Convention Program Overview – *President Barbara Price*
- 2:20 pm Icebreaker Activity – AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill
- 2:30 pm Nominating Committee Report, *Past President Joe Stanhope*
- 2:35 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Chief Doctor Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada
- 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:50 pm Address by the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- 4:20 pm Nominations from the Floor for Officers
Candidate Speeches (as necessary)
- 4:25 pm Youth Council Update; AVICC Solid Waste Special Committee; Moosehide Campaign
- 5:20 pm Final Comments and Wrap-Up
Draw for Major Door Prize - *Must Be Present To Win*
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 5:30–7:30 pm Welcome Reception and Trade Show in the Newcastle Island Lobby

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

The Trade Show is Open from 7:15 – 1:30 pm today in the Newcastle Island Lobby

- 7:15–8:15 am Working Breakfast Presentation – Agricultural Land Commission (*Location: VICC*)
Delegates Networking Breakfast (*Location: VICC*)
- 8:00–8:30 am Voting for Table Officers (as necessary) (*Newcastle Island Lobby*)
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks
- 8:35 am Annual Meeting
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures
Adoption of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting
President’s Address and Annual Report
Adoption of the 2015 Audited Financial Statements
Appointment of Auditors
Appointment of Scrutineers
Appointment of Parliamentarian
2017 AGM & Convention Location
- 8:45 am Address by UCBM President, Chair Al Richmond
- 9:05 am Review of Resolution Procedures
- 9:10 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 **FortisBC Presentation**
- 12:00 noon Delegates Luncheon
- 1:10–1:25 pm Physical Activity Break Led by Tofino Mayor and AVICC Director Josie Osborne (*Meet in the Newcastle Island Lobby*)
- 12:45–1:30 pm Elections for Director at Large (*Newcastle Island Lobby*)

Concurrent Workshops

- 1:30–2:30 pm #1 – LGLA – Mediation and Conflict Resolution
#2 – Local Government and First Nations: Foundational Legal Principles
#3 – Open Space Workshop – Topics to be Chosen by Delegates
- 2:30–3:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:00–4:00 pm #1 – Off-site Tour – City of Nanaimo new Water Treatment Plant (until 4:30 pm)
#2 – Social Procurement & Social Enterprise
#3 – EA Forum
- 6:30–11:00 pm Reception (*Location TBD*) and Annual Banquet (*VICC Ballroom*)
6:30 pm Reception
7:30 pm Buffet Dinner
8:45 pm Short Program
9:00 pm Timebenders

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

7:15–8:15 am Delegates Networking Hot Breakfast (*Location: TBD*)

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 **Address by Leader of the Official Opposition – Mr. John Horgan**

10:15–10:45 am Elections for Electoral Area Representative as Necessary (*Newcastle Island Lobby*)

10:15–10:45 am Refreshment Break

10:45 am **Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management (looking after infrastructure)**

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*

- BC Ferries

Noon Adjourn

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

Special thanks are extended to the City of Nanaimo for hosting the 2016 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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