



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

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ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

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VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

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Morning Pre-Conference Program

- 8:00–9:00 am **Pre-Conference Registration** (*VICC, Newcastle Island Lobby*)
- 8:30–Noon **Understanding the Village** (*VICC, Departure Bay Room*)
- 9:00–11:30 am **Off-Site Tour: Tilray Marijuana Production Facility** (*meet at VICC, Newcastle Island Lobby*)
- 10:00–Noon **Mayors Council** (*VICC, Duke Point Room*)
- Satellite Event: Noon–2:00 pm Coastal Community Network Round-Table** (*VICC, Nanaimo River Room A*)
- Satellite Event: Youth Council** (*VICC, Nanaimo River Room B*)
- Noon–4:00 pm **Main Registration** (*VICC, Newcastle Island Lobby*)

AGM & Convention Main Program (VICC, Ballrooms C & D)

- 2:00 pm Official Opening
Piper – *Pipe Major Gordon Webb*
Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks – *President Barbara Price*
O Canada – *Singer Kate Krynowsky*
First Nations Welcome – *Eleanor White, Snuneymuxw First Nations*
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 Dr. Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada
- 3:30 pm Refreshment Break in Trade Show area – VICC, Mt. Benson A & B
- 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

The Trade Show is Open from 7:15 – 3:00 pm today in VICC, Ballroom A & B

7:15–8:15 am Working Breakfast Presentation – *Agricultural Land Commission (Location: VICC, Ballroom D)*
Delegates Networking Breakfast (*Location: VICC, Ballroom C*)
Food will be served in the Departure Bay Rooms

8:00–8:30 am Voting for Table Officers (as necessary) (*VICC, 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, 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 **Municipal Insurance Association Presentation**

11:50 am **FortisBC Presentation**

12:00 noon Delegates Luncheon (*VICC, Ballrooms C & D*)

1:10–1:25 pm Physical Activity Break - *Tofino Mayor and AVICC Director Josie Osborne and Tofino Councillor Cathy Thicke (Meet in the Newcastle Island Lobby)*

12:45–1:30 pm Elections for Directors at Large (*VICC, Newcastle Island Lobby*)

Concurrent Workshops

1:30–2:30 pm #1 – **Conflict Engagement and Communications - Skills & Tools Workshop (Ballroom D)**
#2 – **Local Government and First Nations: Foundational Legal Principles (Nanaimo River Room - over the walkway)**
#3 – **Open Space Workshop – Topics to be Chosen by Delegates (Duke Point Room)**

2:30–3:00 pm Refreshment Break

3:00–4:00 pm #1 – **Off-site Tour – City of Nanaimo new Water Treatment Plant (meet by registration desk)**
#2 – **Social Procurement – a New Approach to Economic Development (Ballroom D)**
#3 – **EA Forum (until 4:30 pm) (Lantzville Room)**
#4 – **Open Space Workshop – continued (Duke Point Room)**

6:30–11:00 pm Reception (*VICC, Nanaimo Museum ground floor*); Annual Banquet (*VICC, Ballrooms C & D*)
6:30 pm Reception
7:30 pm 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 (<i>Location: VICC, Ballrooms C & D</i>)
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 Leader of the Green Party – Dr. Andrew Weaver
8:50 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 (<i>VICC, Newcastle Island Lobby</i>)
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 Remarks from Mayor Andy Adams, City of Campbell River Grand Prize Draw - <i>Must Be Present To Win</i> BC Ferries – choice of Assured Loading Pass, Vancouver Vacation or Inside Passage Cruise
Noon	Adjourn

Saturday Evening Banquet Shuttle Schedule

Thank you to BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District for providing the complimentary shuttle service to the two offsite tours as well as between the hotels and Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Following is the schedule for Saturday night:

Pick up schedule departure times:

Ramada: 6:10 pm, 6:35 pm

Travelodge: 6:15 pm, 6:40 pm

Howard Johnson: 6:20 pm, 6:45 pm

Departing from VICC back to hotels after the Banquet:

9:45 pm

10:15 pm

10:45 pm

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TRADE SHOW

Hours

Friday – 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Saturday – 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

Location

Newcastle Island Lobby & Ballroom A & B

PARTICIPANTS

BC Assessment

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit

Coast Forest Products

Coasts That Work

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Gateway Casino

ICBC

Island Corridor Foundation

Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

Private Forest Landowners Association

Steelhead LNG

Tourism Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island University

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

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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.

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BC Transit & Nanaimo Regional District	Transportation
BC Ferry Services Inc.	Grand Prize Award
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Keynote Speaker

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Ambassador, Reconciliation Canada

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph is a Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation who upholds a life dedicated 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 his talk, Chief Joseph shares his journey of reconciliation, including his childhood experience at St. Michael's Residential School to leading a 70,000-person Walk for Reconciliation during the *Year of Reconciliation* in the City of Vancouver. He speaks about the important role of reconciliation in moving forward through trauma and will address the work that is being done across Canada to build meaningful relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians. In light of the release of the TRC Findings and Recommendations, it is critical for organizations, communities and local governments to take action and understand the importance of their role in building a new way forward and creating vibrant, resilient and sustainable communities.

Saturday Morning Working Breakfast

7:15 am – Agricultural Land Commission

This session will involve a review of recent changes to the ALC Act and the ALR Use, Subdivision, and Procedure Regulation, and the impacts these changes have or haven't had on application considerations and processing in the ALR. ALC Chair Frank Leonard and ALC CEO Kim Grout will also talk about their new roles and the ALC's direction moving forward following recent announcements from the Provincial Government of increased funding for the ALC to better support the regional panel decision-making process, the planning work that the ALC pursues in partnership with local governments, and the compliance and enforcement work that the ALC does across the province.

Presenters: Frank Leonard, ALC Chair; Kim Grout, ALC CEO; Jennifer Dyson, ALC Vice Chair and Chair of the ALC Vancouver Island

Plenary Presentations

Friday, 4:25 pm – Youth Council; AVICC Solid Waste Committee; Moosehide Campaign

Representatives from the Youth Councils of Duncan, Nanaimo and Victoria will meet on Friday afternoon and then report back to the delegates with recommendations for involving youth in local government.

Edwin Grieve, Chair of the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management will update delegates on the work of the committee, the long-term strategy and the immediate, short-term and long-term priorities. The next step will be meeting with the province to discuss their involvement and support.

Howard Houle, Nanaimo Regional Director will give a briefing on the Moosehide Campaign that encourages everyone to stand up to violence against women and children. Moosehide pins will be available for those willing to make the commitment.

Sunday, 10:45 am – Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management

Local infrastructure provides the foundation for the health, well-being, and economic prosperity of communities across the country. Dependable core services, such as water, sewer, transportation networks, fire halls, recreation amenities, and more, make up the built environment and exist to provide these basic necessities of life that residents rely on every day. Historically, local governments have built infrastructure and acquired assets with insufficient consideration for depletion, depreciation, and amortization. As a result, politicians and citizens lack a clear understanding of the cost implications of maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure. The long-time practice of short-term decisions about investment, maintenance, and renewal is not sustainable. Managing public assets in a formalized process is no longer a luxury for local governments who have time and resources to put toward the process; it is an absolute necessity. The time has come to quantify the true cost to provide, maintain, and renew, community-owned capital assets, and balance it against the community's willingness to pay for those services and assets.

Presenters: Christina Benty, former Mayor of Golden; Glen Brown, UBCM; Wally Wells, Asset Management BC

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Concurrent Workshops – Saturday Afternoon

1:30 pm – Conflict Engagement and Communications - Skills & Tools Workshop

Conversations, from friendly to heated, are the stock and trade of every elected local official. Whether it is with local citizens, individually or in groups, staff, or colleagues around the Board Table our capacity to have productive conversations is a necessary ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships and to successfully engage “conflict” in various settings. This workshop will focus on skills and tools that will help you do just that. The workshop will be interactive and participants will receive take-away materials they can use to hone their skills on an ongoing basis.

Facilitator: Michael Shoop, PhD, Principal at The Shoop Group Consulting Ltd.

1:30 pm – Local Government and First Nations: Some Foundational Legal Principles

This presentation will focus on providing an overview of some of the foundational legal principles which local government needs to know (s.35(1) Constitution Act; Aboriginal title cases; duty to consult cases) in its important and evolving relations with First Nations. It will then examine the implications and opportunities for local government resulting from the Tsilhqot'in decision. Last, an overview discussion of legal and practical principles will be examined with a focus on reconciliation and how local government can play an important role.

Presenter: Reece Harding, Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors

1:30 pm – 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.* Topics to be chosen by delegates.

Facilitator: AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill

3:00 pm – Off Site Tour – City of Nanaimo Water Treatment Facility (90 minutes) Two groups of 10 delegates will receive a tour of the City's new water treatment facility. Transportation to and from the facility to be provided by BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District. Please sign up for this tour at the Registration Desk in the Newcastle Island Lobby.

3:00 pm – Social Procurement – a New Approach to Economic Development

In November 2015, Prime Minister Trudeau included Social Procurement in his mandate letter to the Minister of Procurement. Social Procurement is law across Europe. Quebec and Ontario have legislation in place to support Social Procurement strategies; Nova Scotia is about to follow. Sandra Hamilton developed British Columbia and Alberta's first Social Procurement frameworks, both for municipal governments. Showcasing her work with Cumberland, BC, Canada's First *Buy Social* municipality, Hamilton's presentation will provide an overview of the concept and explain why Social Procurement is a powerful economic development tool for Vancouver Island. How we buy and how we invest, drives our economy, which shapes our communities. In this session we take a look at how municipalities are taking a more strategic approach to procurement; better leveraging existing spend to increase supply chain diversity and achieve positive community outcomes.

Presenter: Sandra Hamilton, Business Consultant & Marketing Specialist

Panellists for Q&A Session: Cumberland Councillor Jesse Ketler; Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps

3:00 pm – Electoral Area Directors Forum (90 minutes)

This year AVICC is hosting for the first time an Electoral Area Forum where rural area directors will be able to freely speak about issues of immediate relevance to them. Discussion topics will be sought at the beginning of the forum and an open-space format will allow multiple discussions to happen simultaneously where self-selecting groups form. Come with an issue and a curious mind.

Hosted by Noba Anderson, AVICC EA Representative and Brian Carruthers, CVRD CAO

3:00 pm – Open Space Workshop - continued

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Facilitator: Jessie Hemphill, AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor

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FRANK LEONARD	Chair	Agricultural Land Commission, AVICC Life Member
LUCAS BANTON	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
TONY BENNETT	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
PENNY COTE	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
JOHN JACK	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
JOHN MCNABB	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
KEITH WYTON	Director	Alberni-Clayoquot (Regional District)
MICHAEL BERRY	Mayor	Alert Bay (Village)
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JIM KIPP	Councillor	Nanaimo (City)
BILL MCKAY	Mayor	Nanaimo (City)
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BILL YOACHIM	Councillor	Nanaimo (City)
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ERIC ZHELKA	Councillor	Oak Bay (District)
MARY BEIL	Councillor	Parksville (City)
MARC LEFEBVRE	Mayor	Parksville (City)
KIRK OATES	Councillor	Parksville (City)
TERESA PATTERSON	Councillor	Parksville (City)
SUE POWELL	Councillor	Parksville (City)
LEANNE SALTER	Councillor	Parksville (City)
CHRIS ALEMANY	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
JACK MCLEMAN	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
SHARIE MINIONS	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
RON PAULSON	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
MIKE RUTTAN	Mayor	Port Alberni (City)
DENIS SAUVE	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
DAN WASHINGTON	Councillor	Port Alberni (City)
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ALLISON MCCARRICK	Chief Administrative Officer	Port Hardy (District)
FRED ROBERTSON	Councillor	Port Hardy (District)
MAGGIE HATHAWAY	Councillor	Powell River (City)
MERRICK ANDERSON	Director, Electoral Area E	Powell River (Regional District)
AL RADKE	Chief Administrative Officer	Powell River (Regional District)
ALAN REBANE	Alternate Director	Powell River (Regional District)
ROD BEALING	Executive Director	Private Forest Landowners Association
AVIS BARRY	COUNCILLOR	Qualicum Beach (Town)
NEIL HORNER	COUNCILLOR	Qualicum Beach (Town)
BILL LUCHTMEIJER	COUNCILLOR	Qualicum Beach (Town)
ANNE SKIPSEY	COUNCILLOR	Qualicum Beach (Town)
TEUNIS WESTBROEK	MAYOR	Qualicum Beach (Town)
JUDY BROWNOFF	Councillor	Saanich (District)
VIC DERMAN	Councillor	Saanich (District)
FRED HAYNES	Councillor	Saanich (District)
COLIN PLANT	Councillor	Saanich (District)
PAUL THORKESSON	Chief Administrative Officer	Saanich (District)
SANDRA HAMILTON	Consultant	Sandra Hamilton - Social Procurement Advisor
JOYCE ELLIS	Councillor	Sayward (Village)

2016 AVICC CONVENTION DELEGATES

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
NORM KIRSCHNER	Councillor	Sayward (Village)
DARREN INKSTER	Councillor	Sechelt (District)
ALICE LUTES	Councillor	Sechelt (District)
BRUCE MILNE	Mayor	Sechelt (District)
MIKE SHANKS	Councillor	Sechelt (District)
DARNELDA SIEGERS	Councillor	Sechelt (District)
DOUG WRIGHT	Councillor	Sechelt (District)
KIERSTEN ENEMARK	Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager	Shaw Communications Inc.
BARBARA FALLOT	Councillor	Sidney (Town)
MERVYN LOUGHER-GOODEY	Councillor	Sidney (Town)
STEVE PRICE	Mayor	Sidney (Town)
MICHELLE STILWELL	MLA Parksville-Qualicum and Minister	Social Development and Social Innovation
RICK KASPER	Councillor	Sooke (District)
EBONY LOGINS	Councillor	Sooke (District)
KERRIE REAY	Councillor	Sooke (District)
TERESA SULLIVAN	Chief Administrative Officer	Sooke (District)
MAJA TAIT	Mayor	Sooke (District)
CAROL GREAVES	Community Relations Lead	Steelhead LNG
JIM ABRAM	Director, Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets)	Strathcona (Regional District)
NOBA ANDERSON	Director, Electoral Area B (Cortes Island)	Strathcona (Regional District)
DAVE LEITCH	Chief Administrative Officer	Strathcona (Regional District)
JOHN MACDONALD	Chair	Strathcona (Regional District)
MARK LEBBELL	Director	Sunshine Coast (Regional District)
JANETTE LOVEYS	Chief Administrative Officer	Sunshine Coast (Regional District)
FRANK MAURO	Director	Sunshine Coast (Regional District)
GARRY NOHR	Chair	Sunshine Coast (Regional District)
IAN WINN	Director	Sunshine Coast (Regional District)
ALLISON STOCKS	Community Development Director	T. Buck Suzuki Foundation
JUDE SCHOONER	Mayor	Tahsis (Village)
RANDY TAYLOR	Councillor	Tahsis (Village)
AL ANDERSON	Councillor	Tofino (District)
DOROTHY BAERT	Councillor	Tofino (District)
GREG BLANCHETTE	Councillor	Tofino (District)
JOSIE OSBORNE	Mayor	Tofino (District)
CATHY THICKE	Councillor	Tofino (District)
CALUM MATTHEWS	Industry & Community Services Manager	Tourism Vancouver Island
DAVE PETRYK	President & CEO	Tourism Vancouver Island
SHERAN BATHURST	Project Specialist	Trans Mountain
DAVID ELSTONE	Executive Director	Truck Loggers Association
PHIL BRIENESSE	UBCM Director at Large, Councillor Town of Smithers	UBCM Director at Large

2016 AVICC CONVENTION DELEGATES

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
MARILYN MCEWEN	Councillor	Ucluelet (District)
SALLY MOLE	Councillor	Ucluelet (District)
MAYCO NOEL	Councillor	Ucluelet (District)
RANDY OLIWA	Councillor	Ucluelet (District)
DIANNE ST. JACQUES	Mayor	Ucluelet (District)
DAN HURLEY	Executive Director University Relations	Vancouver Island University
RALPH NILSON	President and Vice-Chancellor	Vancouver Island University
LISA HELPS	Mayor	Victoria (City)
BEN ISITT	Councillor	Victoria (City)
JEREMY LOVEDAY	Councillor	Victoria (City)
CHRISTOPHER CAUSTON	Goodwill Ambassador/ Captain	Victoria Harbour Ferry, AVICC Life Member
JOHN ROGERS	Councillor	View Royal (Town)
DAVID SCREECH	Mayor	View Royal (Town)
AARON WEISGERBER	Councillor	View Royal (Town)
KINDRY MERCER	Regional Engagement Coordinator	Western Forest Products Inc.
PETER MOONEN	Municipal Affairs & National Sustainability Manager	Wood WORKS! BC
REECE HARDING	Partner	Young Anderson
DONNIE COX	Mayor	Zeballos (Village)
CANDACE FAULKNER	Councillor	Zeballos (Village)
KATE RACEY	Councillor	Zeballos (Village)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-17 AVICC EXECUTIVE

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2016 AGM and Convention:

President

- Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox

First Vice-President

- Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Second Vice-President

- Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District

Director at Large (three to be elected)

- Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
- Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Electoral Area Representative

- Director Noba Anderson, Electoral Area B, Strathcona Regional District

Photos and biographical information on the candidates are published in the *2016 Newsletter* to distributed to all members late March, 2016.

For further information on the nomination and election process contact:

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Chair of AVICC Nominating Committee
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2016 AVICC CONFERENCE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Sessions will begin and end promptly at the scheduled hours.
2. Delegates will use the floor microphones when speaking.
3. All elected officials of members attending the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be delegates entitled to participate in debates and to vote on any matter before the Meeting. [Bylaws s. 23] Other delegates shall not be entitled to the privilege of the floor unless authorized by the Meeting. Guest speakers may be permitted at the direction of the Executive.
4. At all business sessions of the Meeting, fifty-one delegates shall constitute a quorum. [Bylaws s. 16 (3)]

VOTING RULES

5. Only elected officials of members are entitled to vote. [Bylaws s. 23]
6. Voting on ordinary resolutions normally shall be by a show of hands (holding the voting card) and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost is final unless, immediately upon the decision of the Chair being declared, ten or more voting delegates then present, by standing, demand a standing vote, whereupon the Chair shall again put the same question to the Meeting to be decided by a count of those standing in favour of and against the motion. In the event that the result of the standing vote is questioned by twenty-five or more voting delegates then present, or at any time in the discretion of the Chair, the Chair shall order that the matter before the Meeting be determined by ballot, and the result of such ballot shall be final.
7. Where voting is by ballot, scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chair to distribute the ballot, collect the same, and to count and report the vote.
8. In all cases, where the votes of delegates then present, including the vote of the Chair, are equal for and against a question, the question shall be negatived, and it shall be the duty of the Chair to so declare.
9. No vote by proxy shall be recognized or allowed [Bylaws s. 22(3)].
10. When voting by show of hands all delegates shall hold their voting card. In the case of a ballot, the voting card must be presented and initialed by the scrutineers before a ballot is issued.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

11. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Association, its Executive and Committees, so far as they may be applicable without coming into conflict with the Constitution or rules adopted by the Association. [Bylaws s.67]
12. The Presiding Officer shall enforce order and strict observance of the Constitution and Rules and Procedures. Subject to an appeal to the meeting sustained by a majority vote of delegates present, the Presiding Officer shall have the right to decide all questions of order and the Officer's rulings in this regard shall be final.

13. A delegate wishing to move, second or speak to a motion shall arise and address the Chair and shall wait until he or she is recognized before speaking. Delegates must announce their name, local government office and membership or other qualifications each time they rise to speak.
14. Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes; including the introducer of a motion.
15. No delegate may speak more than once on any one question unless and until all other delegates desiring to speak have been heard.
16. Any amendment and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting or to refer the same to the Resolutions Committee, or to any other committee, and any motion affecting the resolution must be moved and seconded from the Meeting Floor.
17. Should discussion continue on any resolution for an undue length of time without reasonable agreement being reached, the resolution may be cleared from the floor by a favourable vote to refer the resolution to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration and report.

(Note: Because the time factor does not allow the Resolutions Committee to properly reconsider resolutions, a motion to refer to the Committee will only be accepted in the event adjournment is imminent and there are regular resolutions which have not been dealt with.)

HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS STEP-BY-STEP RULES

PRECEDENCE OF RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolutions shall be dealt with in numerical order. However, two or more similar resolutions, addressing the same subject matter may be dealt with by a single resolution. [i.e. Resolution #14 covers resolution #15 and #16 then only resolution #14 will be considered by the Meeting.]
19. Resolutions will be grouped into three sections:
 - Part 1 – Those resolutions referred to AVICC by UBCM.
 - Part 2 – Those resolutions received by the deadline.
 - Section “A” – Those that feature new issues of interest to all members.
 - Section “B” – Those that support existing UBCM policy including:
 - Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
 - Resolutions in keeping with the UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.
 - Part 3 – Resolutions received after the deadline

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS PRINTED IN PART 1 AND PART 2, SECTION “A” OF THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

20. The Chair will cause the title and the "enactment" clause of the resolution to be read.
21. The resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and will not require a mover or a seconder.
22. A spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee will then give the views of the Resolutions Committee together with any suggestions and reasons therefore.
23. The Chair shall then call on a delegate from the sponsoring member to introduce the resolution.
24. The sponsor is permitted three minutes to introduce the resolution.
25. The Chair will then call for discussion from the floor.

26. If there are not speakers opposed to the motion the Chair may call the question.
Discussion shall proceed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure" (steps 11 to 17)
Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes.
Voting on the resolution shall proceed in accordance with the "Voting Rules" (steps 5 to 10).
Voting is on the resolution, **NOT** on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN PART 2, SECTION "B" OF THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

27. After Part 2, Section "A" resolutions have been considered, Part 2, Section "B" resolutions will be entered for discussion with the approval of the Convention.
28. The Chair will introduce a motion to adopt the recommendations for Section "B" resolutions and move the endorsement of the resolutions as a block.
- i) A voting delegate who wishes to have a Part 2, Section "B" resolution entered for individual discussion shall, after being recognized by the Chair, put forward a motion to remove the resolution from the block and have the resolution entered for discussion.
 - ii) If duly seconded, the Chair shall put the question – "Shall the resolution be removed from the block and admitted for discussion?" – and such question shall require a three-quarters majority vote before the motion can be put forward for discussion by the Convention. [Bylaws s. 21 (6)].
 - iii) If the motion passes, then the Chair will remove the resolution from the block and it will be considered immediately following the Part 2, Section "B" resolutions.
 - iv) The Chair will ask for the endorsement of the Part 2, Section "B" block as amended – and such question shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
 - v) After the Part 2, Section "B" block has been considered, those resolutions removed for individual consideration will be entered for consideration and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

PROCEDURES FOR LATE RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to the AVICC by the Wednesday noon preceding the date of the Annual Meeting.
30. Late Resolutions shall be available for discussion after resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered but not before the time printed in the Meeting Program for consideration of Late Resolutions. Late Resolutions shall be dealt with only if the Meeting so decides.
31. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions.
32. Resolutions received after the deadline shall be examined by the Resolutions Committee and shall be separated into the following categories:
- i) Emergency Resolutions recommended to be placed before the Convention for Plenary discussion.
 - ii) Resolutions not recommended to be admitted for Plenary discussion.
33. The Chair shall put forward a motion that contains the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on entering Resolutions Received after the Deadline for discussion which, if duly seconded, will be dealt with as follows: The Chair shall put the question – "Shall the Report of the Resolutions Committee and the recommendations therein be adopted? – and such question shall require a three-quarters majority vote [Bylaws s. 21 (6)].
34. Late Resolutions admitted for plenary discussion shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions Report.

35. In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion, the sponsor may be asked to produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Convention.
36. The Chair will cause the title and "enactment" clause of the Late Resolution to be read by a spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee.
37. The Late Resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

FOR RESOLUTIONS NOT PRINTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

38. Any delegate may, during a Meeting, put forward any motion which, if duly seconded, shall be dealt with as follows: The Chair shall put the question - "Shall the motion before the meeting be admitted for discussion?" - and such question shall require a three-quarters majority vote before the motion can be put forward for discussion by the Meeting [Bylaws s. 21 (6)].

At the discretion of the Chair any such motion shall be submitted in writing and copies may be required to be provided to all delegates present before consideration thereof.

39. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Executive may submit any matters not requiring Special Resolution to any Meeting for consideration or action at any time.

FOR SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

40. All resolutions originating at a Meeting workshop or seminar that is not held as a regular plenary session shall be referred to the Executive unless handled pursuant to Steps 38 or 39.
41. **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** Any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may only be made pursuant to Special Resolution duly adopted by the Association. [Bylaws s. 70].
42. **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:** Notice of Special Resolutions intended to be submitted for consideration shall be given in writing to the Secretary not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual meeting, and shall be included in the printed material sent to members by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Meeting [Bylaws s. 21]. A favourable majority vote of the delegates then present shall be necessary to adopt a Special Resolution. [Bylaws s. 65].

Financial Statements of

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

Year ended December 31, 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015, the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities as at December 31, 2015, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Society Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

March 11, 2016

Victoria, Canada

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 213,095	\$ 195,934
Accounts receivable	1,351	1,024
	<u>\$ 214,446</u>	<u>\$ 196,958</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,452	\$ 8,010
Deferred contributions (note 3)	44,665	50,415
	<u>61,117</u>	<u>58,425</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	153,329	138,533
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
	<u>\$ 214,446</u>	<u>\$ 196,958</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

Barbara Pice Director

[Signature] Director

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Revenue:		
Annual meeting - sponsorships	\$ 44,850	\$ 44,001
Annual meeting - registration	56,581	46,477
Association dues	77,104	74,979
Interest	1,956	2,231
Other	722	6,175
	<u>181,213</u>	<u>173,863</u>
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	64,696	67,139
Communication and staff travel	1,845	2,452
Executive meetings	8,348	8,154
Other meetings	4,726	2,693
Postage, office and miscellaneous	4,067	4,535
Professional fees	6,090	6,090
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	76,545	53,850
Consulting fees	100	14,222
	<u>166,417</u>	<u>159,135</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	14,796	14,728
Net assets, beginning of year	138,533	123,805
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 153,329</u>	<u>\$ 138,533</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 14,796	\$ 14,728
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	2,250
Increase in accounts receivable	(327)	(566)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,442	(1,774)
Decrease in deferred contributions	(5,750)	(417)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	17,161	14,221
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	195,934	181,713
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 213,095	\$ 195,934

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2015

Nature of operations:

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is incorporated under the Society Act (British Columbia) and is exempt from the requirement to pay income taxes. Its purpose is to promote autonomy within local government and to advance the principles of local government. The Association represents the various municipalities and regional districts of Vancouver Island, Powell River and the Sunshine and Central Coasts.

1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations ("ASNPO") in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Association's significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Basis of presentation:

These financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in net assets of the Association and, as such, do not include all the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the members of the Association.

There is no provision in the accounts for income taxes as the activities of the Association are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and highly liquid investments consisting of term deposits with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less.

(c) Revenue recognition:

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Annual meeting sponsorships, registration and exhibit revenues are recognized as revenue when the conference takes place.

Association dues are recognized as revenue in the year they are earned and collection is reasonably assured.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2015

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Contributed materials and services:

Due to the difficulty in determining fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment.

(f) Capital assets:

In accordance with the ASNPO Handbook section 4431, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, the Association has not capitalized any expenditures during the year. In 2015 expenditures of \$2,547 for the purchase of a laptop computer (2014 - nil) were recorded as expense in the statement of operations. Capital assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this policy include computer hardware.

(g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2015	2014
Cash	\$ 45,926	\$ 30,181
MFA Money Market Funds	167,169	165,753
	\$ 213,095	\$ 195,934

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2015

3. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions consist of \$44,665 (2014 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the treaty advisory committee. In 2014 deferred contributions also included \$5,750 of sponsorship revenues received in advance for the 2015 conference.

4. Contractual commitments:

The Association has a contract with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for secretarial and office services and has committed to pay \$72,180 in 2016 in respect of this contract by way of quarterly payments. The amounts are subject to adjustment each January.

2016 AVICC BUDGET

	2016 Budget	2015 Actuals
GENERAL BUDGET		
<u>Revenues</u>		
Dues 1	78,646	77,104
Interest 2	2,000	1,956
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>722</u>
<i>Sub-Total General Revenues</i>	80,646	79,782
<u>Expenditures</u>		
UBCM Contract 4	74,105	76,545
Executive Meetings 5	9,000	8,348
Other Meetings 6	4,000	4,726
Staff Travel 7	1,000	898
Communications 8	1,000	947
Telephone 9	1,000	1,124
Office Supplies 10	1,000	334
Audit 11	6,090	6,090
Other 12	3,000	<u>2,709</u>
<i>Sub-Total General Expenditures</i>	<u>100,195</u>	<u>101,721</u>
Revenues Less Expenses - General	<u>(19,549)</u>	<u>(21,940)</u>
AGM & CONVENTION BUDGET		
AGM & Convention Revenue 3	103,392	101,431
AGM & Convention Expenses 13	<u>83,843</u>	<u>64,696</u>
Revenues Less Expenses - Convention	19,549	36,734
TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS	<u>0</u>	<u>14,794</u>
Membership Dues Increase	2%	2%

REVENUES

1. **Dues** - The dues are based on the prior year's population figures on a sliding scale as follows:

1st 5,000 - .1203 per capita

Next 10,000 - .1037 per capita

Next 15,000 - .0874 per capita

Over 30,000 - .0764 per capita

Source for population figures is BC Stats, a division of the Ministry of Citizens Services as received from

2. **Interest** - Surplus funds are invested with the Municipal Finance Authority.

3. **AGM & Convention** - Includes both sponsorship and registration income. Also included at year-end i

EXPENDITURES

4. **UBCM Service Contract** - covers the cost of the service agreement with UBCM to provide administra

5. **Executive Meetings** - covers expenses for the 4 in-person meetings per year.

6. **Other Meetings** - covers costs for other scheduled meetings including Solid Waste Special Committe Area Associations as per Executive policy.

7. **Staff Travel** - covers staff travel for executive, convention planning and other meetings as required.

8. **Communications** - covers the costs of maintaining the AVICC Website.

9. **Telephone** - covers long distance calls made by the President and Executive Coordinator, and costs c

10. **Office Supplies** - covers the costs of office supplies either purchased directly or recovered by UBCM

11. **Audit** - annual expense

12. **Other** - covers miscellaneous expenses not budgetted in other lines including bank charges.

13. **AGM & Convention** - covers all the costs of the AGM & Convention.

2016 RESOLUTIONS

PART SR - SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

None in 2016

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

Part 2 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

- R1 RCMP Funding – City of Courtenay
- R2 Amendment to Local Government Act: Municipal Election Process – City of Victoria
- R3 Island Corridor Foundation: Federal Funding – City of Port Alberni
- R4 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax – Capital RD
- R5 Vancouver Island Regional Library Costs – City of Port Alberni
- R6 Social Procurement – Village of Cumberland, City of Victoria
- R7 Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments – City of Duncan
- R8 Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing – City of Victoria
- R9 Rainwater as a Potable Water Source – Nanaimo RD
- R10 Pop for Parks: Establishing a Fund for Nature’s Future – District of Highlands
- R11 Protection of Old-Growth Forests – District of Metchosin, City of Colwood
- R12 Funding for Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems – Alberni-Clayoquot RD
- R13 Review of Professional Reliance Model – Cowichan Valley RD
- R14 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants – Central Coast RD
- R15 New North Island Hospitals Parking Fees – Strathcona RD, Village of Tahsis
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- R28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags – Cowichan Valley RD
- R29 Climate Change Recommendations – Sunshine Coast RD
- R30 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs – District of Saanich
- R31 Site C Dam Project – District of North Saanich
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- R33 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC – City of Victoria
- R34 Home Renovation Tax Credits – District of Saanich
- R35 Review of “Down-loaded” Building Codes – District of Saanich

Part 2 - Section “C” – Resolutions in this section refer to other similar resolutions in Sections “A” or “B”.

- R36 Management of Woody Debris on Private Managed Forest Land – Village of Cumberland
- R37 Derelict and Abandoned Vessels – Sunshine Coast RD
- R38 British Columbians with Disabilities Act – District of Saanich

2016 RESOLUTIONS

Delegates will receive a Supplementary Information Package in Nanaimo containing any Late Resolutions.

PART SR - SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR 1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

AVICC Executive

No special resolutions at time of printing.

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions were referred for AVICC consideration in 2016.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

The following are the resolutions received by the February 22, 2016 resolutions deadline, and contain the Resolutions Committee’s Comments and Recommendations.

Part 2 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R1 RCMP Funding

City of Courtenay

Whereas the Comox Valley is served by an integrated detachment of the RCMP and all the jurisdictions in the Comox Valley receive the same level of service from the RCMP regardless of financial commitment or funding contribution;

And whereas the City of Courtenay funds the greatest number of RCMP members in the Comox Valley and pays significantly higher police costs per capita and responsibility of the RCMP funding model for British Columbia rests with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to develop an equitable funding program for all BC municipalities and regional districts including those served by integrated detachments.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to revisit the funding model for police services provided by the RCMP, specifically to address concerns about the portion of the financial burden borne by larger local governments served by integrated RCMP detachments.

Convention Decision: _____

ELECTIONS

R2 Amendment To *Local Government Act*: Municipal Election Process

City of Victoria

Whereas the British Columbia *Local Government Act* prescribes municipal election processes, including the candidate nomination period and other election timelines;

And whereas local governments endeavour to ensure best practices and operational efficiencies are employed to encourage voter turnout;

And whereas the time period between the end of the nomination period and the beginning of the election period, through advance voting opportunities, is insufficient to enable voters who are absent from the jurisdiction during the voting period, to participate in voting through a mail ballot process:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Local Government Act*, prior to the 2018 Local General Elections, to increase the time period between the end of the candidate nomination period and the beginning of the election period, to facilitate the administration of the mail ballot process and provide greater voting opportunities for citizens.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government amend the Local Government Act to increase the time period between the end of the nomination period and the beginning of the election period, in order to allow sufficient time for administration of the mail ballot process.

Convention Decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

R3 Island Corridor Foundation Federal Funding

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E&N) Railway corridor remains a critical transportation asset for the current and future needs of the people and economy of Vancouver Island;

And whereas AVICC passed a resolution urging action in 2012 and further delay in repairs to the corridor jeopardizes its viability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Government of Canada to approve and release the \$7.5 million for capital works on the Victoria to Courtenay rail line in order for work to begin as soon as possible and ensure the future of rail based freight and passenger transportation between Victoria, Courtenay and Port Alberni.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the federal government release \$7.5 million in funding for capital works on the Victoria to Courtenay rail line, to ensure the rail line's continued ability to support rail based freight and passenger transportation.

Members have endorsed several resolutions specifically regarding the Esquimalt and Nanaimo rail corridor:

- *2008-LR4 called on the provincial and federal governments, in partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation, to fund Vancouver Island rail infrastructure upgrades to rejuvenate the E & N right-of-way to meet modern rail transportation standards;*
- *2005-B143 called on the provincial and federal governments to waive certain taxes in order to support the Island Corridor Foundation's efforts to acquire the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company right-of-way; and*

- 1995-B57 asked the federal government to continue operating the E & N rail service on Vancouver Island or transfer the service to the provincial government with the assurance that the Province would operate the service.

UBCM would suggest that the use of this transportation corridor is a regional issue, therefore advocacy on the issue would best be pursued by the area association.

See also resolution R18 from Langford and the Capital RD on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

TAXATION

R4 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax

Capital RD

Whereas the issue of affordable housing is one of critical growing concern;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia take action to reduce the negative impacts on housing affordability in our province by reducing the Property Transfer Tax on both new and existing homes.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2006-B81, which called on the Province to exempt non-profit housing organizations from the property purchase tax, in support of those organizations' role in providing affordable housing. In response to the resolution the provincial government highlighted the work of its own agency, BC Housing, to support the efforts of non-profit housing organizations.

UBCM would observe that the scope of the 2016 resolution is broader, in that it seeks to reduce the property transfer tax levied on all property sales. UBCM notes that as part of the 2016 provincial budget, the provincial government expressed intent to increase the property transfer tax rate on the portion of fair market value over \$2 million, to three per cent from two per cent.

Convention Decision: _____

FINANCE

R5 Vancouver Island Regional Library Costs

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is a much-valued cooperative regional library system that serves over 400,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and the Central Coast and has a member board comprising thirty-eight representative local governments;

And whereas many local governments are struggling to fund significant annual rate increases imposed to levies:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Vancouver Island Regional Library to fully consider the ability of local governments to continue to pay for rate increases that impose an increased burden on the already-strained municipal property tax base.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Vancouver Island Regional Library consider the ability of member local governments to meet rate increases.

UBCM would suggest that the member rates levied by the Vancouver Island Regional Library are a regional issue, therefore advocacy on the issue would best be pursued by the area association.

Convention Decision: _____

R6 Social Procurement

Village of Cumberland, City of Victoria

Whereas fostering the social wellbeing of the community is identified as a municipal purpose by the *Community Charter* and a regional district purpose by the *Local Government Act*;

And whereas the widespread adoption of social procurement practices by all local governments in BC will diversify the vendor pool and further leverage tax dollars to better align with community values:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advance the use of social procurement practices by local governments;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to consider the inclusion of social procurement into Part 6 (Financial Management) of the *Community Charter* and Part 11 (Regional District-Financial Management) of the *Local Government Act*.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution encouraging local governments to implement social procurement practices; nor has the membership considered a proposal to amend the Community Charter and Local Government Act to include social procurement in the statutory requirements regarding local government financial management.

UBCM would observe that local governments already have the discretion and ability to include social procurement in their policies and practices if they so choose.

Convention Decision: _____

R7 Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments

City of Duncan

Whereas the federal government plans to establish a federal/provincial/territorial task force to seek input from experts in public health, substance abuse, and law enforcement to design a new system of strict marijuana sales and distribution with federal and provincial excise taxes applied;

And whereas regulation and enforcement for medicinal marijuana retail dispensaries will likely fall to the local governments once the law changes, thus creating additional burdens on local government resources:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the federal government to request that a portion of any future federal or provincial tax collected through marijuana sales and distribution be shared with local governments, and that the concept of tax sharing with local governments be forwarded to the task force looking into the new system of marijuana sales and distribution, for consideration.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal government to share with local governments a portion of future federal or provincial tax revenue collected through marijuana sales and distribution.

UBCM notes, however, that members endorsed resolution 2015-B98, which asserted that local governments held the authority to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries.

See also resolution R17 from Cumberland on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R8 Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing

City of Victoria

Whereas many local governments have committed to climate action and socially responsible investing;

And whereas a central strategy for climate change mitigation is to reduce emissions into the atmosphere relating to the consumption of fossil fuels, which includes divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in renewable sources of energy, employment and revenue;

And whereas local governments are empowered in provincial legislation to invest through the Municipal Finance Authority, and the current investment portfolio offered by the Municipal Finance Authority does not include a fossil-fuel free investment option:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Municipal Finance Authority to create a fossil-fuel-free investment fund to provide local governments with an investment choice that aligns with priorities for climate action and social responsibility.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Municipal Finance Authority to create a fossil-fuel-free investment fund as an investment option for local governments.

The Resolutions Committee notes that a related 2015 resolution, B120 sponsored by Esquimalt, due to time constraints was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. The resolution asked the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP) to report on investments presently held in fossil fuel-related companies, and conduct an impact analysis regarding divestment of fossil fuel-related assets over time.

After study by the UBCM Presidents Committee, the UBCM Executive endorsed resolution 2015-B120 with an amendment. With the amended resolution, the UBCM Executive expressed interest in working “with the BC Investment Management Corporation (bcIMC) and the Municipal Pension Plan to prepare a [...] ‘primer’ on the MPP, its board and governance structure as well as its role and that of others with respect to responsible investing that can be shared with the broader UBCM membership as well as other Plan partners as required.”

The Committee would observe that the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) is an organization with its own membership and governance authority. Such a request might best be made directly through the MFA’s own governance and policy processes, rather than through a third-party organization such as AVICC.

Convention Decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

R9 Rainwater as a Potable Water Source

Nanaimo RD

Whereas small water systems that operate under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and provide water to the public have the need for alternate potable water supplies in rural, un-serviced communities in BC;

And whereas rainwater has the potential to be a safe additional drinking water source to augment low-yielding groundwater or surface water supplies;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to develop rainwater-specific treatment objectives and standards, source characterization protocols and infrastructure requirements, to enhance the ability of small water system operators to implement and local health authorities to approve rainwater source(s) for potable water.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to develop regulations to enable use of rainwater as a potable water supply.

Convention Decision: _____

R10 Pop For Parks: Establishing A Fund For Nature's Future

District of Highlands

Whereas the protection of greenspace is essential to our environmental, social and economic wellbeing and many of BC's most valuable and most threatened ecosystems are found on private lands;

And whereas \$10-15 million could be raised annually for conservation by following the example of several states and recapturing the windfall monies that accrue when consumers fail to redeem container deposits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government redirect unredeemed container deposits into an annual fund for the acquisition and protection of privately owned natural spaces in BC.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution proposing that the Province establish a fund, using revenues from unredeemed container deposits, to acquire and protect privately owned natural spaces in BC.

Convention Decision: _____

LAND USE

R11 Protection of Old-Growth Forests

District of Metchosin, City of Colwood

Whereas old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island, and is gone for centuries once logged;

And whereas old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink and much more;

And whereas current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging;

And be it further resolved that AVICC send a letter to the provincial government—Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations—as well as relevant government organizations requesting that the *Vancouver Island Land Use Plan* be amended to protect all of Vancouver Island's remaining old growth forest on provincial Crown land.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to protect all old-growth forest on provincial Crown land from being logged, and to reflect this protected status in the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan.

UBCM would observe that the resolution frames protection of old-growth forest on provincial Crown land as a regional Vancouver Island issue. Advocacy on a regional issue would best be pursued by the area association.

Convention Decision: _____

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R12 Funding For Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas the cost of water conservation, sustainability, and drought management are currently high profile issues, and developing a policy framework and funding program to support rainwater harvesting systems is vital to supporting the agricultural industry and enhance vibrant local food systems across the province with safe, consistent and affordable access to water;

And whereas the establishment of a fund for the rebate portion for agricultural rainwater harvesting systems will:

- Reduce the draw on regional, municipal and ground water systems,
- Lead to an increase in the amount of irrigated land,
- Increase overall agricultural production,
- Increase water availability for trending urban agricultural initiatives,
- Promote conservation strategies, and
- Showcase simple and effective solutions for increased water system sustainability:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to establish immediately the development of policy and procedures for a rainwater harvesting system rebate program for agricultural users, which includes both above ground (cistern) and in-ground systems province-wide.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to develop policy and procedures for a rainwater harvesting system rebate program for agricultural users, including both above ground (cistern) and in-ground systems province-wide.

Convention Decision: _____

R13 Review of Professional Reliance Model

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the provincial government is increasingly utilizing professional reliance regimes where industry proponents employ professionals to meet the public interest in natural resource management and environmental protection associated with their projects;

And whereas recent reports and audits suggest serious deficiencies in monitoring and compliance on the part of qualified professionals and a lack of oversight on the part of provincial regulating agencies:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province assess the effectiveness of current professional reliance regimes in order to reduce potential for conflicts of interest, ensure appropriate checks and balances, improve environmental performance and restore government approval authority where necessary.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the provincial government to conduct a review of liability and risk assessment regarding professional reliance regimes, including but not limited to the professional reliance established through environmental or natural resources regulatory frameworks.

Convention Decision: _____

HEALTH

R14 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants

Central Coast RD

Whereas the BC Ministry of Health has undertaken operational reforms in an attempt to revitalize the primary care system, but communities across the province still experience physician shortages and other significant primary care challenges;

And whereas physician assistants (PAs) are qualified health professionals whose role is to provide a broad range of medical services under physician supervision; who are licensed to practice in many provinces across Canada, as well as in the Canadian Armed Forces; and who are recognized by the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants and the British Columbia Medical Association (Doctors of BC);

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM strongly encourage the provincial Ministry of Health to recognize and regulate physician assistants so that they may practice in BC, with establishment of an appropriate system for liability coverage, and regulatory oversight by an organization similar to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, as one of the steps toward meeting health care demands and alleviating physician shortages in all areas of the province.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the provincial government to recognize and regulate physician assistants to enable physician assistants to practice in BC.

Convention Decision: _____

R15 New North Island Hospitals Parking Fees

Strathcona RD, Village of Tahsis

Whereas the Minister of Health has advised that he is supporting the imposition of parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals in Campbell River and Courtenay,

And whereas our geographic service area is vast and requires many patients and families to travel hundreds of miles, across multiple ferries, etc.,

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC support the North Island in requesting that the Ministry of Health eliminate parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government not to charge fees to park at the new hospitals in Campbell River and Courtenay.

UBCM would suggest that the question of parking fees at new hospitals in Campbell River and Courtenay is a regional issue, therefore advocacy on the issue would best be pursued by the area association.

Convention Decision: _____

R16 National Pharmacare Program

City of Victoria

Whereas the City of Victoria has been recognized and demonstrated its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and Canada is currently the only country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program, with over 3 million Canadians unable to afford the cost of medicines prescribed by doctors, and the risk of having no insurance for medicines particularly high among lower income Canadians, including many workers with precarious and seasonal employment;

And whereas research suggests that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system is sound policy, both economically and socially; would lower costs to businesses by as much as \$8 billion per year, with a corresponding competitive advantage for Canadian companies; and could produce substantial cost savings for local government expenditures on employee benefits;

And whereas a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia work with all provinces and the federal government to develop and implement a national pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, to improve the health outcomes of citizens, ensure fairness in access to medicine, and provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in Canada's health care system.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

A similar resolution, 2015-B114, sponsored by the City of Vancouver, was brought forward to the 2015 UBCM Convention but due to time constraints was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. After study by the UBCM Healthy Communities Committee, the UBCM Executive referred resolution 2015-B114 to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMGLA) for consideration by their membership at their annual meeting in spring 2016. The LMLGA annual meeting has not yet taken place.

In its comments on the 2015 resolution, the Resolutions Committee advised that the UBCM membership had not previously considered a resolution requesting the provincial government to work with the other provinces and territories and the federal government to develop and implement a national pharmacare program.

Convention Decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

R17 Medical Marijuana Retail Dispensaries

Village of Cumberland

Whereas the federal Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulation authorizes Health Canada to approve access to marijuana for medical use to help treat the symptoms of certain medical conditions;

And whereas the legalization of storefront medical marijuana dispensaries and regulation by local governments would benefit local communities through legitimate contributions to economic development and vibrancy in commercial areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the federal Minister of Health and the Minister of Justice proceed with the legalization of medical marijuana dispensaries without delay.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal government to legalize medical marijuana dispensaries.

UBCM notes, however, that members endorsed resolution 2015-B98, which asserted that local governments held the authority to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries.

See also resolution R7 from Duncan on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R18 Island Corridor Foundation

City of Langford, Capital RD

Whereas the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) was established in 2003 to oversee the management and operations of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E & N) rail line which has a direct impact on many municipalities on Vancouver Island but these same municipalities have no direct representation on the ICF board;

And whereas although the rail service has not been operating for the past several years, and the services provided to municipalities along the corridor by the management of ICF have not met the standard expected, the costs to local governments to support the ICF continue to be significant:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC work with impacted local governments and the ICF board to conduct a financial and governance review of the Island Corridor Foundation;

And be it further resolved that the review include the consideration of options to provide a cost effective transportation alternative should the costs of resurrecting rail prove too costly.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

AVICC Executive comments:

The AVICC Executive notes that we have not in the past been involved in conducting financial and governance reviews, and do not have the capacity to take this on.

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for a finance and governance review of the Island Corridor Foundation, including “consideration of options to provide a cost effective transportation alternative should the costs of resurrecting rail prove too costly.”

Members have endorsed several resolutions specifically regarding the Esquimalt and Nanaimo rail corridor:

- 2008-LR4 called on the provincial and federal governments, in partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation, to fund Vancouver Island rail infrastructure upgrades to rejuvenate the E & N right-of-way to meet modern rail transportation standards;*
- 2005-B143 called on the provincial and federal governments to waive certain taxes in order to support the Island Corridor Foundation’s efforts to acquire the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company right-of-way; and*
- 1995-B57 asked the federal government to continue operating the E & N rail service on Vancouver Island or transfer the service to the provincial government with the assurance that the Province would operate the service.*

See also resolution R3 from Port Alberni on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

Part 2 - Section “B” - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with the UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.

LEGISLATIVE

R19 Establishing Local Public Notice Policies

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas newspaper closures in communities throughout British Columbia are affecting local governments' ability to publish mandatory public notification advertisements in local newspapers especially in regional districts which already have unique geographical challenges due to local newspaper circulation areas not aligning with regional district boundaries;

And whereas the *Municipalities Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan enables local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice that suits their communities;

Therefore be it resolved that both the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* be amended to replace the mandatory requirement to advertise in newspapers with the requirement for local governments to adopt a public notice policy based on local criteria that would enable local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice tailored to best serve their communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2015-B88, which called on the provincial government to amend the Local Government Act and the Community Charter to “allow statutorily required public notices to be published using a variety of media channels [...] as long as reasonably equivalent or better reach than that of solely using printed newspapers can be demonstrated.”

UBCM is awaiting the provincial government response package for the 2015 UBCM resolutions.

Convention Decision: _____

R20 No Forced Amalgamations

District of Metchosin

Whereas local governments in Canada have traditionally been viewed as "creatures of the Province" and do not enjoy separate distinct legislative status, but rather are subject to the wishes and will of provincial authority;

And whereas In British Columbia, local governments enjoy the highest level of autonomy among Canada's local governments and the nation's most equitable relationship with provincial authority, as laid out in the *Community Charter*;

And whereas the practice of the current provincial government has been to recognize and respect the local autonomy of local governments over matters of local jurisdiction including on matters of local government amalgamation;

And whereas more specifically, Section 279 of the *Community Charter* titled "No Forced Amalgamations", legally ensures and reinforces that municipal autonomy is the highest value in the relationship with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC seek confirmation from the provincial government and all provincial political parties within the British Columbia legislature with respect to their position on maintaining and respecting Section 279 of the *Community Charter*.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

Resolution 2002-C59 in part expressed support for provisions to be included in the Community Charter to prevent forced amalgamations of local governments. The resolution was referred to a UBCM policy paper on the Community Charter, published the same year. Members endorsed the Community Charter policy paper.

Convention Decision: _____

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R21 Reversal of Recent Amendments to RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program Town of View Royal

Whereas in January 2016 amendments to the RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program came into effect, including the immediate elimination of ride-alongs with RCMP members in police cars and firearms familiarization training, as well as the review of duties that could eliminate auxiliary constable participation in special events and crowd/traffic control;

And whereas public safety is a critical objective of BC local governments, RCMP detachments and municipal police departments with auxiliary constables serving an important role in assisting and complementing an already overburdened police force in the provision of public safety programs and in the delivery of basic police services:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be requested to exert pressure on both the Government of Canada and the RCMP's "E" Division for the immediate reinstatement of the Auxiliary Constable Program in British Columbia to its pre-January 2016 role complete with the ride-along and firearms familiarization training programs as well as continued participation in special events and crowd or traffic control.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

While members have not previously considered a resolution reacting specifically to January 2016 amendments to the RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program, the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting continued funding and a robust role for RCMP Auxiliary Constables, including special events, crowd or traffic control, and firearms training (2003-B47, 2000-B5, 1999-A12, 1999-A13, 1998-B39, 1998-ER, 1997-B28).

Convention Decision: _____

R22 BC Child Protection Services City of Colwood

Whereas the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee has recommended improvements to the delivery of BC child protection services, and for the Province of BC to adhere to the principles enunciated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;

And whereas the Sooke School District (No. 62) has also called for these improvements and for the province to fully fund the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC government be asked to take action to improve the delivery of BC child protection services, fully fund the office of the BC Representative for Children and Youth, and follow the provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that generally called on the provincial government to improve the delivery of child protection services in BC.

UBCM would acknowledge, however, that members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to enact legislation and implement practical measures to reduce the risk of abuse, exploitation, or trafficking of children and youth (2014-B3, 2004-B1, 2004-B100, 2004-B102, 2002-B2, 2002-B3, 2001-B48, 1998-B49, 1996-B24, 1994-B22, 1994-B29).

Convention Decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

R23 Pedestrian/Cycling Pathways Along Rural Road Rights-Of-Way

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has formally recognized the importance of mobility alternatives in achieving transportation goals pertaining to reduced greenhouse-gas emissions and promotion of healthy lifestyles;

And whereas rural communities are experiencing growing populations that rely on road infrastructure not suited to mobility options:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to demonstrate the Province's commitment to mobility alternatives in rural areas by introducing regional government authority in the planning and development of regional off-road transportation networks and infrastructure within Ministry road rights-of-way.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2012-B63, which called on the Province to “invest in cycling infrastructure in order to accelerate the availability and broaden the range of cycling opportunities for commuter, recreational, and competitive cyclists living in and visiting rural and urban areas.”

See also resolution R24 from Sunshine Coast Regional District on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R24 Priority for Construction of Bicycle Lanes

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the provision of safe cycling infrastructure is a costly but critical component of improving transportation options;

And whereas the construction of bicycle lanes on provincial highways within regional districts would alleviate safety concerns for cyclists, support growth in bicycle tourism and promote alternative transportation options that would reduce local greenhouse gas emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government review the “BC on the Move Transportation Plan” to prioritize the construction of new bicycle lanes within regional districts limited by a single highway and where bicycle usage is a prominent form of transportation and economic driver for tourism.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2012-B63, which called on the Province to “invest in cycling infrastructure in order to accelerate the availability and broaden the range of cycling opportunities for commuter, recreational, and competitive cyclists living in and visiting rural and urban areas.”

See also resolution R23 from Cowichan Valley Regional District on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

R25 Federal Government Cooperation for Oil Spill Response in BC

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has declared that Canada should become a world leader in marine spill prevention, preparedness and response and has stated its concern about the current level of marine protection and potential spill response available on Canada’s West Coast;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is acting on the development and implementation of such protection and response but requires cooperation and support from the federal government in order to implement most of the recommendations it has identified to strengthen Canadian capacity for marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response on Canada’s West Coast;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM support the Province of British Columbia’s position with respect to the need for world-class marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, and lobby the federal government to support and co-operate with BC to the fullest extent, committing sufficient resources, to achieve the highest level of spill prevention, preparedness and response capacity on Canada’s West Coast.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution specifically supporting a provincial government commitment to world-class marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, and calling on the federal government to support such an initiative. UBCM would seek clarification as to whether the provincial government has, in fact, made such a commitment – or whether the Province has focused rather on a response strategy for land based spills, not marine spills.

UBCM represents local government on the Advisory Committee for the proposed provincial Land Based Spills Preparedness and Response Strategy, and has undertaken ongoing advocacy regarding the issue, based on several key tenets:

- *any oversight organization must be provincially led, industry funded*
- *establishment of a BC-based contingency fund that is 100% industry funded – including a full cost recovery mechanism to reimburse local governments who engage in spill cleanup*
- *any application for expansion of oil pipelines or tanker traffic should undergo the highest degree of environmental assessment, including meaningful public consultation with local governments and First Nations*

More generally, UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions expressing concerns about potential negative impacts of land based and marine spills (including but not limited to 2015-A4, 2015-B13, 2015-B30, 2015-B31, 2014-LR3, 2012-A8, 2012-B122, 2011-LR6, 2010-B87, 2010-B139, 2008-B32, 2008-B143, 2007-B6, 2007-B19, 2007-B173, 2006-LR2, 2005-LR4, 2003-B23).

See also resolution R26 from Islands Trust on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

**R26 Assessment and Mitigation of Marine Shipping Risks and Impacts
in the Salish Sea**

Islands Trust

Whereas numerous projects are proposed that would increase marine traffic and anchorage use in the confined waterways of the Salish Sea;

And whereas the Salish Sea is among the most productive marine ecosystems in the world, and presents challenging conditions for oil spill response:

Therefore be it resolved that Transport Canada assess the cumulative risks and impacts associated with projected vessel traffic increases in the Salish Sea and develop an innovative 20-year mitigation plan.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the federal government assess projected vessel traffic increases in the Salish Sea and the potential cumulative risks and impacts of such increases, and develop a mitigation plan.

UBCM notes, however, that members have consistently endorsed resolutions expressing concerns about potential negative impacts of increased marine traffic in the Salish Sea and other BC coastal waters - especially increased tanker traffic (2012-A8, 2011-LR6, 2010-B139, 2008-B143, 2003-B23).

See also resolution R25 from Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R27 Limit or Ban Burning on Forest Lands in Community Airsheds

City of Port Alberni

Whereas data from the BC Ministries of Environment and Health indicate that seasonal air quality concerns from outdoor wood burning combined with common air 'inversion' events greatly impact the health of residents, and noting that municipalities and regional districts have taken strong measures to limit or ban outdoor burning by residents;

And whereas the BC *Wildfire Act* and *Environmental Management Act* permit the burning of woody debris ("slash") from forestry operations on private and Crown land within community air-sheds that often contribute to poor seasonal air quality:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Ministry of Environment to bring forward new regulations to further limit or ban the burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community air-sheds in order to ensure communities and industry are synchronized in working toward the same goal of a safe and healthy environment for all.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Ministry of Environment to bring forward new regulations to further limit or ban the burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community airsheds in order to ensure communities and industry are synchronized in working toward the same goal of a safe and healthy environment for all.

And be it further resolved that the Province encourage industry to chip wood debris for biofuel or sell it for heating homes in energy efficient woodstoves.

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 1990-B39, which called on the provincial government to require “all clearing debris less than four inches in diameter or less than merchantable timber be disposed of or dealt with in manners other than incineration.”

UBCM also notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions proposing that wood waste from forestry operations be used for co-generation (1998-B12, 1996-B10, 1993-B47, 1992-B106).

UBCM would propose an amendment to reflect the resolution from Cumberland on this topic, as well as aligning with previous policy direction endorsed by the membership.

See also resolution R36 from Cumberland on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the use of thin film plastic shopping bags continues to impose a variety of negative impacts on our natural and human environments;

And whereas bans have been proven in many countries to be the single most effective method of controlling the volume of plastic bags entering the waste stream and our environment:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government enact legislation to prohibit the distribution of thin film plastic shopping bags by businesses.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2008-B88, which called on the provincial government to ban thin film plastic grocery bags.

Convention Decision: _____

R29 Climate Change Recommendations

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and local governments are seeking ways to strengthen their resiliency;

And whereas the provincial government has committed to developing a Climate Leadership Plan that supports mutually beneficial climate actions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be urged to implement all 32 policy action recommendations set out in the “Climate Leadership Team Recommendations to Government” report and work collaboratively with local governments in order to develop policies and programs to mitigate the impacts of climate change on BC communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

While members have not previously considered a resolution that specifically supported provincial implementation of all policy action recommendations from the “Climate Leadership Team Recommendations to Government,” the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions proposing policy and actions to mitigate the effects of climate change. These resolutions include but are not limited to 2015-B38, 2015-B75, 2014-B26, 2014-B27, 2014-B95, 2014-B96, 2013-B75, 2012-B25, 2012-B35, 2012-B63, 2012-B79, 2012-B121, 2011-B22, 2011-B79, 2011-B91, 2011-B98, 2010-B15, 2010-B18, 2010-B31, 2010-B32, 2010-B40, 2010-B47, 2010-B83, 2010-B101, 2010-B140.

Convention Decision: _____

R30 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs

District of Saanich

Whereas the November 2012 Transport Canada Study recommends the establishment of an inter-jurisdictional working group that would address and provide recommendations on issues related to abandoned and derelict vessels, including potential sources of funding to remove abandoned and derelict vessels;

And whereas the incidents of vessels left abandoned or derelict by owners through neglect or lack of financial resources to dispose of the vessel cause municipalities serious concerns for public safety and the potential harm to the environment and have significant financial impact to taxpayers for removal and cleanup:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC, UBCM and FCM urge the federal and provincial governments to proceed with recommendations of the 2012 Transport Canada Study to establish an “Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program” funded through reasonable fees sourced from vessel purchases, registration, insurance and moorage, and that such funds be available for disposition costs;

And be it further resolved that the federal and provincial governments further establish an “End of Life” Vessel Disposal Program that is sustainable and protects the environment, including appropriate facilities and coordination with local landfills and private sector for proper disposal methods.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a solution to the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels (2014-B23, 2014-B62, 2013-B30, 2012-B23, 2012-B78, 2010-B30, 2005-B112).

See also resolution R37 from Sunshine Coast Regional District on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

LAND USE

R31 Site C Dam Project

District of North Saanich

Whereas the proposed 60 meter high dam project at Site C on the Peace River will flood over approximately 12,000 hectares of high quality agricultural land between Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope in creating an 83 kilometer long reservoir, while pre-empting the Agricultural Land Reserve status of the land;

And whereas the flooding will devastate a major portion of ungulate winter range, will impact migratory bird flyways, and will destroy a major heritage site and countless First Nations' burial grounds and hunting, gathering, and trapping areas on their recognized traditional territories:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Government to call on BC Hydro and its contractors to immediately suspend all work until the project can be reviewed by the BC Utilities Commission and proceed through a public hearing and consultation process.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2015-B71, which asked the Province to refer the proposed Site C hydroelectric dam project to the BC Utilities Commission for review and consultation.

UBCM is also aware that members have consistently endorsed resolutions supporting a full and robust role for the BC Utilities Commission in the oversight of all power projects undertaken in BC (2014-B108, 2010-B102, 2007-B146, 2006-A4, 2003-B96).

Convention Decision: _____

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R32 Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme

Town of Lake Cowichan

Whereas the smaller local governments are looking at ways and means of encouraging the revitalization of their downtowns through incentives that would encourage small businesses to undertake much needed improvements to building facades, signage and siding;

And whereas the Province had previously instituted a grant programme that provided financial assistance to businesses so they may undertake improvements through application to their respective local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be petitioned to re-implement the Business Improvement Grant Programme that will provide each local government an annual intake to a maximum of \$20,000 so local businesses may participate in a programme that would see the rejuvenation of business areas with the end goal of enhancing community appearance and pride which are integral to economic activity and growth.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2009-B22, which asked the provincial government to reinstate the downtown building façade revitalization grant program, to assist building owners with façade improvements that conform to adopted downtown design guidelines.

Convention Decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

R33 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC

City of Victoria

Whereas British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory and technological barriers as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes and many others on a daily basis;

And whereas the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory, non-legislated initiative entitled “Accessibility 2024” in 2014 with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024;

And whereas both the Province of Ontario and the Province of Manitoba have enacted disability legislation with the Province of Nova Scotia working toward the introduction and enactment of disability legislation in 2016:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC believe it is important to achieve a barrier-free province for all persons with disabilities and calls upon BC’s Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting specifically that the provincial government enact a British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

However, UBCM notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to reduce barriers and provide accessible places and services for individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to 2015-B8, 2015-B110, 2015-B118, 2014-B12, 2013-B55, 2013-B140, 2012-B43, 2011-A2, 2011-B62, 2011-B67, 2010-B70, 2010-B70, 2009-B145, 2009-B167, 2009-B174, 2008-B157, 2008-B158, 2008-B159, 2007-B106, 2007-B191, 2007-B199, 2006-B73, 2006-B132, 2002-B62, 2002-B94, 2000-B113).

See also resolution R38 from Saanich on this topic.

Convention Decision: _____

R34 Home Renovation Tax Credits

District of Saanich

Whereas the Quebec government has recently announced a new tax credit to encourage home renovations, and the Official Community Plan of Saanich and of municipalities across British Columbia and Canada recognize the importance of home renovations, housing variety, affordability and adaptability in their communities’ quality of life, health, sustainability and economy;

And whereas housing renovations are recognized to help seniors stay at home, help the special needs of a family member or convert a house to an intergenerational home, and create skilled employment for young people, and the use of refundable tax credits for renovations is known to boost energy efficiency, local economies and reduce off-permit renovations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the governments of the Province of British Columbia and Canada to create new tax credit programs for consumers to help encourage home renovations that focus on energy efficiency, improved mobility and aging in place projects, that are over \$1,000.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

In 2015 the sponsor brought forward a similar resolution, 2015-B119, calling on the provincial and federal governments to establish tax credit programs for general home renovations. Due to time constraints, the resolution was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. After further study by the UBCM Community Economic Development Committee, the UBCM Executive endorsed the resolution with an amendment to specify that home renovation tax credit programs should include criteria for minimum project cost, and should focus on projects intended to improve energy efficiency, mobility and access, or the ability to age in place. The amendment reflects previous policy direction on this topic, endorsed by UBCM members.

Convention Decision: _____

R35 Review of “Down-loaded” Building Codes

District of Saanich

Whereas after much debate about the accuracy and effectiveness of the code revision process, under recent changes to the BC Building Code, national building regulations now apply to smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, while previously these regulations applied only to larger buildings;

And whereas the Victoria Residential Builders Association has expressed concern to local governments that applying additional new regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet will drive construction costs upwards, thereby triggering extinction of affordable housing for the average BC family;

And whereas the affordability of new housing, particularly work-force housing such as smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, is a key component to local government economic vibrancy and sustainability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to engage a qualified, independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the impacts on affordability, as well as on safety and energy efficiency, of applying future new national building regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership considered but did not endorse a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2015-B121, which requested the provincial and federal governments to “undertake a review, by independent third parties, of the appropriateness of provisions of the National Building Code on two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, and the imposition of this on housing affordability.”

In its comments on the 2015 resolution, the Resolutions Committee expressed concern that the proposal to relax code requirements for a particular type of building did not address the potential impacts on health, safety and energy efficiency of the buildings. The Committee observed that the request seemed contrary to past member direction, which has been to pursue greater stringency in building regulation.

UBCM would acknowledge that the sponsor has responded to concerns regarding resolution 2015-B121, and that the 2016 resolution proposes review of the impact of building code amendments on a range of factors including affordability, safety and energy efficiency.

Convention Decision: _____

Part 2 - Section “C” – Resolutions in this section refer to other similar resolutions in Sections “A” or “B”. The resolutions in this section are provided for reference, and are not intended for debate.

R36 Management of Woody Debris on Private Managed Forest Land

Village of Cumberland

Whereas many communities on Vancouver Island are surrounded by private managed forest land whose owners continue to burn wood waste piles in open fires;

And whereas local air quality is compromised due to slash burning:

Therefore be it resolved that the province restrict the burning of wood slash piles by private forest companies and encourage them to chip it for biofuel or sell it for heating homes in energy efficient wood stoves.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Refer to Similar Resolution**

UBCM comments: *Refer to resolution R27 from Port Alberni on this topic.*

R37 Derelict and Abandoned Vessels

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the UBCM membership previously endorsed resolutions in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014 encouraging the provincial and federal governments to take action on the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels, and the current approach for the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels from the waters of coastal British Columbia is still not effectively serving communities with the timely removal of such vessels;

And whereas the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels continues to pose serious risks with respect to our marine environment, environmental contamination, property damage, public safety and aesthetic values important to tourism:

Therefore be it resolved that support be re-affirmed for strongly encouraging the provincial and federal government to take action in implementing a solution that provides a timely response for the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels from the waters of coastal British Columbia.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Refer to Similar Resolution**

UBCM comments: *Refer to resolution R30 from Saanich on this topic.*

R38 British Columbians With Disabilities Act

District of Saanich

Whereas growing older is the greatest cause of disabilities and the number of British Columbians with disabilities is expected to grow in the next 15 years as our society ages;

And whereas at least 750,000 British Columbians with disabilities face unfair accessibility barriers in areas that the provincial government in BC can regulate;

And whereas a British Columbians with Disabilities Act would build on, and not replace or weaken any existing disability or human rights protections:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the provincial government to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act that incorporates the principles advocated for by Barrier-Free BC.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Refer to Similar Resolution**

UBCM comments: *Refer to resolution R33 from Victoria on this topic.*

