



**MINUTES OF THE AVICC
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE
FRIDAY, March 18, 2016**

REPRESENTATIVES:

AVICC 2nd Vice President Edwin Grieve, Committee Chair
Director John McNabb, Alberni-Clayoquot
Director Rod Nichol, Comox Valley
Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley
Director Alec McPherson, Nanaimo
Director CaroleAnn Leishman, Powell River
Director Larry Samson, Strathcona
Director Ian Winn, Sunshine Coast

ALTERNATES AS OBSERVERS:

1st Vice President Mary Marcotte, AVICC
Director Bill McKay, Nanaimo

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Russ Smith, CAO Designate, Capital
Russell Dyson, CAO, Alberni Clayoquot
Debra Oakman, CAO, Comox Valley
Brian Carruthers, CAO, Cowichan Valley
Larry Gardner, Mgr of Solid Waste, Nanaimo
Randy Alexander, Gen Mgr of Reg. and Comm. Utilities, Nanaimo
Robyn Cooper, Mgr of Waste Reduction, Sunshine Coast
Liz Cookson, AVICC Executive Coordinator

UNAVAILABLE PRIMARY REPS:

Director Dennis Dugas, Mount Waddington
Director Ryan Windsor, Capital

UNAVAILABLE AVICC:

AVICC President Barbara Price, Ex-officio

Chair AVICC 2nd Vice President Edwin Grieve called the meeting to order at 11:15 am, and thanked attendees for making the time to participate in today's meeting. Attendance was confirmed.

AGENDA

On motion by Alberni-Clayoquot Director McNabb, seconded by Comox Valley Director Nichol,
That the Agenda be approved was

CARRIED

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2015 MEETING

On motion by Comox Valley Director Nichol, seconded by Powell River Director Leishman,
That the minutes of the November 20, 2015 meeting be adopted was

CARRIED

REPORT TO REGIONAL DISTRICTS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED

Chair AVICC 2nd Vice President Grieve reviewed the process followed to date, and thanked Committee members for their participation. He referred to the presentations he had made at several of the

Regional Districts, and noted that the resolutions or other feedback received from each Board are attached to the meeting package, and summarized below:

Comox Valley RD	resolution, January 14, 2016 Board meeting and information from November 5, 2015 meeting
Capital RD	resolution of the Environmental Services Committee, January 27, 2016
Powell River RD	resolution, February 25, 2016 Board meeting
Nanaimo RD	resolution of the Committee of the Whole, March 8, 2016 that will be sent to the Board on March 22, 2016
Cowichan Valley RD	resolution, February 20, 2016 Board meeting
Sunshine Coast RD	no resolution, email advising that the resolution was reviewed at March 10, 2016 Board with decision not to make any recommendation.
Alberni-Clayoquot RD	resolution, March 16, 2016 Board meeting (distributed to the Special Committee at the March 18, 2016 meeting)

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Alberni-Clayoquot Director McNabb, That the resolutions and feedback from the participating Regional Districts noted above be received was CARRIED

NEXT STEPS

Chair Grieve noted the next step was to determine how to communicate the recommendations and work of the Special Committee back to the membership, and to draft a resolution for the AVICC Executive's consideration to propose at the Convention. The presentation is scheduled for Friday, April 8th at 4:30 pm, and debate on the resolution would likely be on the morning of Saturday, April 9th.

Cowichan Valley Director Morrison thanked Chair Grieve for presenting to the CVRD Board on the work done by this Special Committee. Board members found it informative but a bit overwhelming for some as the reports covered a lot of issues. Reinforced the need to keep the approach simple for the presentation and resolution at the Convention.

Sunshine Coast Director Winn also thanked Chair Grieve for his presentation to the SCRD. He advised that the SCRD had not been able to come up with a definitive resolution to support the entire long-term solid waste strategy as there was disagreement on some of the long-term priorities. He queried what the time frame was to achieve the short-term vs. long-term priorities.

Nanaimo Director McPherson commented on the importance of keeping the delegates engaged during the presentation, with time to ask questions. Not just talking at them. Could insert "where practicable" in the resolution on regulations and enforcement as not relevant to all regional districts.

Powell River Director Leishman noted that the recommendation to the membership should focus on the immediate and the short-term priorities. She commented that the coastal communities have

different sensitivities around some of the long-term strategies such as WTE and leakage. Chair Grieve noted that the long-term strategies may be beyond the timeframe of the Special Committee.

There was general discussion about ensuring that the AVICC membership at the Convention felt that this was their report, and their Special Committee representing their concerns to the Province. The Special Committee discussed options for the proposed resolution including:

- increasing the recommend priorities from 3 to 5 to include the short-term as well as the immediate;
- ensuring clarity, not making the resolution too wordy
- calling the priorities “areas of work” rather than priorities as this implied a ranking
- attaching an action plan
- including a table as a one pager to distribute to the membership at the Convention

On motion by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison, seconded by Powell River Director Leishman, That the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste support four areas of work: Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; and Regulations and Enforcement as set out in the attached Action Plan was NOT VOTED ON

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Sunshine Coast Director Winn, That the motion be tabled over the lunch break was CARRIED

Prior to breaking for lunch, there was discussion on what to include in the presentation to the Convention with the following suggestions:

- Background on the current state of solid waste management in each Regional District;
- Include comparison charts on services;
- Include the chart that shows the relative costs;
- Outline the Action Plan
- Open floor to discussion – give an opportunity to discuss and diffuse those issues that are causing problems
- Advise that a resolution will be coming forward for support of the membership

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Comox Valley Director Nichol, That the direction to prepare a presentation to AVICC members at the 2016 Convention incorporating the suggestions set out above from the Special Committee be sent to the AVICC Executive Committee was CARRIED

Sunshine Coast Director Winn requested a mock up of the one pager be sent to the Special Committee members for review, and asked if the action plan should include dates. There was reluctance from several members to include dates at this point. The discussion focussed on getting a high level endorsement of the action plan, and then getting together after the Convention to start specifying the timing of individual action items.

The Special Committee broke for lunch at 12:30 pm and returned to session at 1:15 pm

On motion by Alberni-Clayoquot Director McNabb, seconded by Sunshine Coast Director Winn, That the motion be lifted from the table was CARRIED

The AVICC Executive Coordinator distributed the written resolution to each participant. Special Committee members made suggestions in an open forum that were incorporated into the resolution on the fly. The AVICC Executive Coordinator read out the amended resolution and action plan as follows:

On motion by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison, seconded by Powell River Director Leishman, That the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste support the following areas of work: Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; and Regulations and Enforcement as set out in the Action Plan

ACTION PLAN

Partnership - Develop a vision and goals including a communication strategy and a unified education program.

Partnership – continue to meet regularly – identify one solid waste challenge or opportunity to investigate at each meeting, and establish a process to maintain and update the 2015 baseline report.

Advocacy – engage the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and industry groups to review and expand waste reduction and diversion policies.

Long-term Disposal – conduct an assessment to forecast future solid waste disposal demand of AVICC member populations in twenty, forty and sixty years time.

Regulations and Enforcement – ensure that, where practicable, disposal bans and bylaws are consistent across regions to reduce leakage across borders.

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CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The Special Committee members indicated a desire to continue the work of the Special Committee, and will set a date for the next meeting following the direction of the AVICC membership at the 2016 Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison, That the meeting be adjourned at 1:55 pm was

CARRIED

AVICC 2nd VP Edwin Grieve
Chair

Liz Cookson, AVICC Executive Coordinator