

*Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer:*

### **1. UBCM Convention**

We had a great turnout from AVICC members at the UBCM Convention in Victoria. There are now four AVICC members sitting on the UBCM Executive Committee – AVICC President Barbara Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Mayor Maja Tait from Sooke, Director at Large Jim Abram, Strathcona RD, and Director at Large Alison Sayers, Central Coast RD. Thank you to our members who are willing to serve to ensure that AVICC's interests are strongly represented provincially.

AVICC Past President and Nanaimo RD Director Joe Stanhope received a long-service award at this year's banquet. A big thank you to Joe for his service to local government and to AVICC members.

### **2. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada**

Attached is a resolution passed by the Village of Cumberland that endorses Bill C- 262, a private member's bill to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Cumberland has asked that we circulate this to other AVICC members.

### **3. AVICC Convention – Request for Submissions for 2017**

Planning is underway for the AVICC Convention in Campbell River from April 7-9. We have an online submission form to capture your suggestions for workshops, plenary sessions and pre-conference sessions and study tours.

We are keen to hear suggestions from the members to make sure that the program material is relevant to the membership and that we get great quality presenters. If you have a session in mind, you can submit a proposal online on the AVICC website until December 2 at - [http://ubcm.formstack.com/forms/avicc\\_2017\\_session\\_proposal](http://ubcm.formstack.com/forms/avicc_2017_session_proposal)