

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
2017 Resolutions Received After the Deadline

L1 Restriction on Single Wide Mobile Homes as Second Dwellings on ALR Properties

Regional District of Nanaimo

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation has established the standards for a second dwelling on ALR land and the Agricultural Land Commission's Policies L-08 and L-18 specify that manufactured homes must normally conform to the CSA Z240 series standards unless a property owner makes a non-farm application to the Commission;

AND WHEREAS construction of factory built, movable dwellings has progressed significantly with technology and the CSA Standard is not flexible enough to accommodate the needs of farmers to provide accommodation on their properties without an application;

AND WHEREAS these new movable dwellings incorporate innovative energy-efficient, green building technology and can be sited to reinforce the farmland protection objectives of the ALC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requests that the Ministry of Agriculture amend the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation to provide more certainty for types of manufactured homes that are permitted as residential uses and request that the Agricultural Land Commission amend their policies to allow for the siting of other types of factory built, movable dwellings outside of the CSA Z240 series standards.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

A resolution on this topic was submitted prior to the deadline by the Regional District of Nanaimo. On recommendation by UBCM, the RDN worked with UBCM staff to clarify and strengthen the resolution prior to resubmitting the resolution.

L2 On-road Transportation Sector Required in the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory

Capital Regional District

WHEREAS the on-road transportation sector is a critical component of the Provincial Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI);

AND WHEREAS this sector has been removed from CEEI for all communities outside the lower mainland:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government include the on-road transportation sector in future CEEI.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee would suggest that the issue raised in the resolution is not emergent and was known prior to the AVICC submission deadline for resolutions, therefore the resolution does not meet the criteria to be admitted for debate.

L3 Restoration of Previous Provincial Funding Levels for Vancouver Island Regional Library

Town of Ladysmith

WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Regional Library is the fifth largest library system in British Columbia, serving over 430,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and the Central Coast (Bella Coola) through 39 branch libraries, an e-Library and books by mail service;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Regional Library's focus has dramatically changed as our society has changed through technological advances in order to remain relevant, while the level of provincial funding has decreased from 21 per cent of total revenue in 1986 to five per cent of total revenue in 2016, leaving its member municipalities and regional districts to bear the increases through increased contributions while their capacity to continue to do so is severely limited;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities call upon the Provincial Government to restore funding for the public library system to a level of 21 per cent of the core annual budget required to operate the library system in an efficient, effective and equitable manner for the municipal taxpayer.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee would suggest that the issue raised in the resolution is not emergent and was known prior to the AVICC submission deadline for resolutions, therefore the resolution does not meet the criteria to be admitted for debate.

L4 Provincial Assistance to Attract Doctors to BC

City of Colwood

WHEREAS British Columbians are facing a critical shortage of primary care physicians in BC communities and unable to provide vital services to residents because BC is not competitive for a number of reasons, such as trained physicians choosing to practice in other provinces where opportunities are more economically attractive, the average gross clinical payments to BC physicians being one of the lowest in Canada and almost \$100,000 less than Ontario, and new graduates with substantial student debt accepting positions in other provinces, such as Alberta, where the average physician salary is the highest in the country at \$366,000 from billings;

AND WHEREAS too many highly qualified undergraduates are denied admission to UBC's 288 seat four-year medical degree program where only about 15% of the applicants are accepted compared to Alberta's 332 seats for first year medical students in a province with a population 12% smaller than BC's, forcing students to look elsewhere for their medical training, compounded by BC doctors who go abroad to get their medical education and must annually compete with up to 160 graduates from foreign medical schools for the handful of international residency training spots because there is no preferential treatment for BC born applicants who want to set up practices in BC in order to be closer to family and friends;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the communities of British Columbia—a strong and flourishing Province, who want BC to be the greatest Province in Canada by providing the full, holistic and complete communities that our residents expect and deserve—work together to open the doors for communities to attract doctors back to BC communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities send a letter to the Minister of Health and Premier of British Columbia requesting that the Province of British Columbia take definitive action to put in place the necessary framework, tools, and incentives to make us competitive with the other Provinces and attract physicians back into BC communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee would suggest that the issue raised in the resolution is not emergent and was known prior to the AVICC submission deadline for resolutions, therefore the resolution does not meet the criteria to be admitted for debate.

L5 Endorsement of Resolution from Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Social Procurement Working Group City of Powell River

Whereas at the 2016 AVICC AGM & Convention in Nanaimo, membership gave direction to the AVICC to "advance the use of social procurement policies"; and

Whereas the AVICC Executive has received presentations and proposals from an ad hoc Working Group of volunteer elected officials and subject matter experts (see attached backgrounder) about how to advance this membership direction so as to best assist interested local governments in implementing social procurement (AKA community benefit procurement) policies and practices;

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC Executive appoint a liaison to the Working Group;

AND that the Working Group undertake a feasibility assessment of a "Community Benefit Procurement Hub" as per the information circulated at the AVICC 2017 Convention for the AVICC membership and report back to the AVICC at the 2018 AGM.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Refer to Resolution AE2

Resolutions Committee comments:

This issue is dealt with under Resolution AE2

L6 Regional Level Input Cowichan Valley RD

WHEREAS the establishment of provincial road maintenance contract standards and asset management strategies directly impact rural residents; and

WHEREAS regional district elected officials are well-positioned to convey the expectations and concerns of communities in relation to road maintenance and upkeep.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to establish a formal process for a select committee of AVICC elected officials to provide regional level input during the establishment of highway maintenance contract standards and asset management strategies.

L7 Health Services Planning

Township of Esquimalt

WHEREAS: the social determinants of health include housing, transportation, and built environment, which are directly influenced by local government decision making;

AND WHEREAS: there is no mandated direct process for coordination of integrated planning between health authorities and local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that AVICC and UBCM petition the provincial government to establish formal mechanisms for including local government consultation in health services planning by health authorities.

L8 National Strategy for Abandoned Vessels

City of Victoria, District of Oak Bay, Town of Ladysmith

WHEREAS: the social determinants of health include housing, transportation, and built environment, which are directly influenced by local government decision making;

AND WHEREAS: there is no mandated direct process for coordination of integrated planning between health authorities and local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that AVICC and UBCM petition the provincial government to establish formal mechanisms for including local government consultation in health services planning by health authorities.