

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

2018 Resolutions Received After the Deadline

L1 Speculation Tax

Nanaimo Regional District

Whereas the Province has proposed to implement a Speculation Tax to address housing affordability in selected Regional Districts and municipalities in British Columbia;

And whereas this tax has been identified by stakeholder groups and targeted local governments as having negative impacts where it is proposed, including creating an unequal playing field for real estate development and property investment between jurisdictions targeted by the Tax and those that are not:

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Provincial Minister of Finance not implement the proposed Speculation Tax in the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

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

Convention Decision: _____

L2 Moratorium on ALR Lands for Cannabis

District of Central Saanich

Be it resolved that the District request that the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Agriculture place a moratorium on further use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands to grow cannabis while it performs a minimum of six month review and broad consultation with farmers, municipalities, industry and the public on the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for the growth and production of marijuana.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

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

Convention Decision: _____

L3 Restrict Transport of Diluted Bitumen

City of Courtenay, Township of Esquimalt

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is pursuing regulations to restrict the transport of diluted bitumen until such time as adequate safeguards are in place to protect coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills;

And whereas the impacts of oil spills on local communities are severe including; costs relating to emergency response, clean-up and recovery, damage and loss of enjoyment of shoreline areas; damage to biological diversity of plant and animal species; reduced property values; public health impacts; and, economic loss in tourism, fishing and other sectors:

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities endorses the efforts of the Province of British Columbia to introduce regulations that will safeguard coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills.”

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee would suggest that additional information on this item has arisen since the resolutions deadline and this resolution does meet the criteria to be considered for debate.

Convention Decision: _____

L4 Funding of Park and Playfield Improvements

City of Nanaimo

Whereas The Province, through the *Local Government Act*, (Section – 566(2)(b)) allows communities to collect Development Cost Charges for investments in limited park improvements;

And whereas The Province through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has interpreted the legislation so as to allow some forms of park and playfield improvements and not others:

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Province amend the *Local Government Act* in order to allow local governments greater flexibility in determining and funding park and playfield improvements that are required by community growth.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

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

Convention Decision: _____

L5 Broadcasting Personal Information without Consent

Powell River Regional District

Whereas a presentation by Bradley Weldon from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) was given at the annual CEO/CAO Forum on March 20, 2018 and dealt with application of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) regarding a public body disclosing personal information inside or outside of Canada through broadcasting transmissions without the person’s consent in the context of public hearings/meetings and webcasting; and

Whereas the only operational solutions suggested were arduous and seemingly against all tenets of open and transparent public meetings and the advice given was to seek amendments to current legislation authorizing disclosure on the internet; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Board request that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) explore the need for amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) regarding the potential export of video personal information inside or outside of Canada.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Admit for Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

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

Convention Decision: _____