

2018 RESOLUTIONS

PART SR – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1 Special Resolution to Amend AVICC's Constitution

AVICC Executive

Whereas the AVICC's Constitution must comply with the new Societies Act before November, 2018; and

Whereas the AVICC's current Constitution does not address the requirement in the Act to designate as either member funded or non-member funded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities be designated a Member-funded Society, and the Society's Constitution be amended to include the following statement:

Section 3. MEMBER-FUNDED

"This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members."

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR2 Special Resolution to Repeal and Replace AVICC's Bylaws

AVICC Executive

Whereas the review of the AVICC's Bylaws for compliance with the new Societies Act identified several areas that could be improved to make the bylaws clearer and to reflect current technology options; and

Whereas the AVICC's Bylaws have already been amended several times in the last 15 years and a replacement incorporating direction from the previous bylaws is appropriate:

Therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws of The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities be repealed and replaced as set out in Schedule A as distributed to members by mail and email on March 9th, 2018.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR3 Special Resolution to Amend AVICC's Bylaws

AVICC Executive

Whereas the AVICC's Bylaws currently state that a director of the AVICC Executive Committee must not be remunerated for being or acting as a director; and

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to pay a reasonable per diem for preparation and attendance at Executive Committee meetings, and this has been addressed in the new bylaws proposed in SR2;

Therefore be it resolved that if AVICC members do not endorse SR2 to repeal and replace the current bylaws at the 2018 AGM and Convention, the existing bylaws of the Society be amended as follows:

a. Section 30 be deleted and replaced as follows:

30. Directors may be paid a reasonable per diem rate for attendance at members' meetings and events at a rate to be determined by the Executive from time to time and shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by the director while engaged in the affairs of the Society.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

PART ER – EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

ER1 Determining Term of Office for Table Officers

AVICC Executive

Whereas the current policies of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities allow the President to be elected for two one-year terms; and

Whereas guidance is sought from the membership on whether a single term is more appropriate for elected service in each of the Table Officer positions:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC Policies be amended to set a one-year term for the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President except in extenuating/extraordinary circumstances such as illness or the removal of an Executive Member from their respective member organization).

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

ER2 AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management

AVICC Executive

Whereas the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was

formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention on this mandated service;

And whereas the Special Committee reported out to the AVICC membership at the 2016 and 2017 conventions, the membership endorsed the action plans and further directed the Special Committee to report back to the 2018 convention with outcomes:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC endorses and supports the continuation of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management with areas of work focused on: Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; Regulations and Enforcement, and the 2018/19 action plan being:

Partnership – Continue to develop and to expand shared communication campaigns for participating members such as the illegal dumping campaign from 2017 using the shared funding provided by the participating members.

Advocacy – engage the newly elected Minister of Environment with a delegation, and Ministry staff through Committee involvement, with the official support of the AVICC membership as there has been delay due to the change of government.

Long-term Disposal – continue to update the metrics jointly developed to date and forecast future solid waste disposal demand of AVICC member populations in twenty, forty and sixty years time.

Regulations and Enforcement – continue to research and implement disposal bans and bylaws that are consistent across regions to reduce leakage across borders.

And final that the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management report back to the 2019 convention with outcomes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER3 New Employer Health Tax

AVICC Executive

Whereas the Province has brought in a new employer health tax to replace medical services plan premiums without any consultation with local governments;

And whereas there are apparently significant cost impacts of this new tax for local government members that will need to be recovered through property taxes or through the other limited revenue sources available to local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province meet with UBCM to discuss the proposed tax, the implications of the tax, and to request a delay to its implementation until UBCM has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTION

The following resolution was referred to the Association by UBCM, following the 2017 UBCM Annual Convention.

Finance

RR1 Community Works Funding – Small Communities (B75) Village of Sayward

Whereas many communities are wrestling with increased infrastructure costs for essential services and in finding adequate sources of funding;

And whereas small communities have very limited funding options for providing basic infrastructure for their residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province to change the base level of Community Works Funding to \$100,000 for communities under 5,000.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

The following are the resolutions received by the February 14, 2018 resolutions deadline.

Part 2 – Section “A” – This section contains resolutions regarding new issues.

Legislative

R1 Strata Utility Billing Legislative Change City of Courtenay

Whereas many British Columbia municipalities invoice strata corporations directly for the collection of utility services fees;

And whereas billing individual strata property owners directly for utility services fees would have significant financial administrative implications for these municipalities:

Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be respectfully requested to take forward to the Legislative Assembly amendments to the *Community Charter* and *Strata Property Act* to afford municipalities the option of imposing utility services fees on either strata councils or on individual strata lot owners.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R2 Strengthen Penalties Regarding Breaches of Confidentiality City of Nanaimo

Whereas the duty to respect confidentiality is a serious matter in all levels of government and the legal and court costs associated with upholding the confidentiality provisions of Section 117 of the *Community Charter* are prohibitive;

And whereas by exploring other levels of compliance would be beneficial ethically and financially for ensuring that the interests of the general public are upheld:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM strongly encourage the Province to act to expand the avenues to which non-compliance by Council can be deterred by implementing stronger and more easily accessible penalties for contravention of Section 117 of the *Community Charter*.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

Community Safety

R3 Gender-based Violence Strategy for Youth

City of Victoria

Whereas children and youth who have been impacted by violence experience devastating and long-ranging mental health, physical health, social and educational impacts and the #metoo campaign has recently highlighted gender-based violence as one of the most pervasive forms of violence, taking various forms (e.g. cyber, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and economic);

And whereas according to Statistics Canada, young women aged 15 to 17 report the highest rate of gender-based violence amongst all age groups (2,710 per 100,000), and Indigenous, LGBTQ2, and disabled girls experience even higher rates of violence, noting that in 2017 the Government of Canada launched “It’s Time: Canada’s Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence,” identifying three priority areas: prevention, engaging men and boys, and support for survivors;

And whereas to support the strategy, the federal government has committed \$100.9 million over five years, and an additional \$20.7 million per year going forward;

And whereas while the BC government recently announced \$5 million to assist organizations working to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, there is currently no cohesive provincial strategy in place;

And whereas in order to combat gender-based violence among youth in BC and support healthy relationships, healthy families and healthy communities, a provincial strategy is needed;

And whereas drawing on the expertise of all relevant ministries, and building on the resources and strategies identified in the federal strategy, a comprehensive provincial strategy can be a catalyst for positive cultural change:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Ministry of Mental Health to work together to develop a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy for Youth.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4 Seismic Early Warning System

City of Powell River

Whereas the provincial government has recently invested five million dollars into Ocean Networks Canada’s earthquake early warning system in BC to increase its number of offshore strong motion sensors and to integrate them with land-based sensors for robust collection and analysis of seismic activity;

And whereas this system is intended to feed a centralized source that in turn can immediately deliver early detection notifications prior to the arrival of the damaging waves of an earthquake to enhance life safety for British Columbians living in areas of the province with seismic risk:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province commit to making the earthquake early warning system operational by completing the development of access to this network for communities, and other entities in the public and private sectors, for public safety in all parts of BC vulnerable to earthquake.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Elections

R5 Rescind Four Year Local Government Term

District of Metchosin

Whereas four year terms are onerous for many in small communities, where being an elected official is not a well-paid position, even though the demands of the position can be stressful, time-consuming, and of great consequence to their communities;

And whereas three year terms allow greater accountability to residents, who are able to show, through elections, their regards for the directions their local governments are taking:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government reinstate three year local government terms.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

Transportation

R6 Modernizing the *Motor Vehicle Act*

City of Victoria

Whereas the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia and organizations including the City of Vancouver, British Columbia Cycling Coalition and Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia have called on the Government of British Columbia to review and modernize the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*;

And whereas modernization of this legislation is necessary to achieve the Government of British Columbia’s “Vision Zero” plan to make BC’s roads the safest in North America and eliminate road-related injuries and deaths by 2020, and where the Road Safety Law Reform Group has provided evidence-based recommendations for increasing safety for vulnerable road users, including children, seniors, people with disabilities, pedestrians and cyclists:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia review and modernize the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*, to increase safety for all road users and achieve the “Vision Zero” objective of making BC’s roads the safest in North America and eliminating road-related injuries and death by 2020.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Finance

R7 Cannabis Tax Revenue Sharing

Village of Tahsis

Whereas municipalities in British Columbia have been enduring financial downloading from both federal and provincial levels of government for decades;

And whereas municipalities in British Columbia will face further increases in costs with the legalization of cannabis, including but not limited to, policing, licensing, enforcement, zoning and zoning enforcement, by-laws and by-law enforcement and possible health issues:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call for the Province to provide to BC municipalities an equal share (50/50) of the provincial tax revenue from the sales of cannabis in British Columbia in lieu of the increased financial burden legalization will bring to the municipal level.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Environment

R8 Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies

City of Victoria

Whereas communities in British Columbia face a range of impacts from climate change, including sea-level rise, increased coastal erosion, prolonged summer drought, and increased winter precipitation and communities are required to consider these impacts in infrastructure planning, construction and maintenance, as well as to mitigate the financial impacts of these costs on residents and businesses given the limits of local government revenue raising to property taxes and utilities;

And whereas while the precise amount of increased costs due to the increase in work on infrastructure due to climate change is not yet quantified, local governments in British Columbia are almost certainly already paying significantly increased costs and those amounts will only increase, noting that fossil fuel companies have played a major role in the creation of climate change, making hundreds of billions of dollars in selling products which cause climate change with the 20 largest fossil fuel companies having contributed—through their operations and products—to approximately 29.3% of greenhouse gases in the global atmosphere today:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC write a Climate Accountability Letter to the 20 fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that communities are incurring and expected to incur due to climate change, and requesting that the companies pay their fair share of those impacts;

And be it further resolved that AVICC forward this motion to UBCM and to FCM and request that those local governments write Climate Accountability Letters on behalf of their member local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Regional Districts

R9 Business Licensing Authority for Regional Districts Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas regional districts in general have not been granted authority to regulate business or a system to issue business licenses;

And whereas businesses in regional districts periodically operate contrary to bylaws, businesses licenses provide the ability to regulate business operations and enforce compliance with bylaws:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the provincial government grant all regional districts the additional powers, as an extended service, to make bylaws respecting the licensing of businesses in regional districts.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

Health

R10 Marihuana Addiction Treatment, Prevention & Education District of North Saanich

Whereas large profits will be made by the federal government in the form of taxes once the Liberal government passes legislation permitting the recreational use of marihuana in Canada;

And whereas enormous profits will be made through the manufacture, production and distribution of marihuana;

And whereas the human cost will be in the hundreds of millions or possibly billions of dollars;

And whereas the tragic loss of humanity through addiction is immeasurable;

And whereas by legalizing marihuana the federal government will sanction and subsequently legitimize its use among Canadians;

And whereas if we have learned anything from the use of alcohol and tobacco there will be serious and often irreversible effects due to marihuana consumption;

And whereas treatment facilities have to be available for immediate and adequate response for all Canadians, not just for those who can afford private care;

And whereas trained professionals, care facilities and education have to be ahead of the need;

And whereas it is well studied that a proportion of any population is susceptible to becoming dependent on an addictive substance;

And whereas this adds up to tens, even hundreds of thousands of Canadians;

And whereas we have seen huge legal assessments against tobacco and alcohol producers after the harm has already been done and lives lost;

And whereas decades ago tobacco producers denied the harmful effects of smoking, second hand smoke and the addictive nature of tobacco smoking;

And whereas health risks and the potential for addiction cannot be denied and is the direct responsibility of the federal government and manufacturers, producers and distributors of marihuana:

Therefore be it resolved that the federal government commit all its tax revenue derived from the sale of marihuana that has not been designated to the provinces, for use in treatment, prevention and education;

And be it further resolved that those involved in the manufacture, production, distribution and sale of marihuana be required to establish a minimum 500 million dollar trust for the treatment of addicted persons in Canada.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R11 BC Ferries Medical Priority Loading

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas individuals residing in ferry dependent communities who are travelling in relation to significant medical procedures are not automatically given priority loading on BC Ferries which can result in delays and unnecessary suffering;

And whereas applications for medical assured loading require advance planning which is not always possible given the variability of hospital stays and appointment times, and rely on medical practitioner time and awareness of the program:

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Health and/or the CEO of BC Ferries be requested to modify the Travel Assistance Program to ensure that patients from ferry dependent communities requiring significant medical procedures receive priority loading.

ON MOTION, as amended, was REFERRED to the AVICC Executive

Selected Issues

R12 Community Social Planning

Village of Cumberland

Whereas the Comox Valley Social Planning Society has been in discussions with like organizations in the Capital Regional District, Cowichan and Nanaimo on sharing experiences and developing an Island wide collaboration;

And whereas it has been demonstrated that collaborative, cooperative planning processes increase the efficiency and maximize the impacts of the investments that all levels of government are making in assisting communities to respond to the increasingly complex and inter-connected social issues they face:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC through UBCM request the provincial government to commit to providing local governments with sustained financial support for local community social planning processes that serve to support and integrate responses to social issues throughout British Columbia.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R13 Re-evaluation of Resolutions by the Province

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas UBCM, as the conduit between its members and the provincial government, endorses numerous resolutions of significance to all local governments;

And whereas there has been a change in provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM review previous resolutions to determine whether they should be re-submitted to the Province within the context of the priorities and policies of the new provincial government.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

R14 Ban Retail Sale of Pets in Pet Stores

City of Nanaimo

Whereas the sale of animals from pet stores is a prominent issue in British Columbia;

And whereas the BC SPCA is opposed to any breeding, transport, confinement or sale of animals that is likely to cause distress or suffering or where their welfare and socialization are likely to be compromised:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM encourage local governments to enforce a ban on the sale of puppies, kittens and rabbits in pet stores.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

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

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

Legislative

R15 Review Requirements for Public Notification District of Central Saanich

Whereas the primary purpose for provincial legislation requiring public notification should be to help municipalities notify residents based on what the metrics demonstrates and based on getting the best value for limited money;

And whereas printed newspapers are no longer the only or most effective means of giving public notice and yet the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* specifically require that all public notices be published in a print newspaper;

And whereas with a new provincial government and new technologies this resolution is aimed at better notifying residents while ensuring money spent on notification is effective:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to review the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* and consider modernizing the language so that newspapers, social media, web sites and other forms of online advertising are all given an equal footing for municipalities to consider how to best inform their residents.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16 Notice by Mail RD of Nanaimo

Whereas Section 220 of the *Local Government Act* requires that notice of a special board meeting must be mailed to each director at least 5 days before the date of the meeting, and the *Interpretation Act* specifies that such mail must be delivered by Canada Post;

And whereas this requirement, which applies to regional districts and not municipalities, creates unnecessary time delays for holding special board meetings and is not in keeping with technological advances of recent years:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be urged to amend the legislation to permit such notices to be provided by other means, including electronic mediums.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R17 Review of Board of Variance Process**City of Victoria**

Whereas the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to appoint boards of variance that are empowered to consider minor variances where a person alleges that complying with a bylaw respecting the siting, size or dimensions of a building would cause them hardship;

And whereas deliberations of local boards of variance provide minimal opportunities for public comment on the requested variances, and provide no role for comment from the elected council of a municipality or the board of a regional district in unincorporated areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government review the current provisions in the *Local Government Act* relating to boards of variance and consider amendments to ensure that the interests of public accountability, transparency, and local democracy are upheld.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18 Local Improvement Charges**City of Powell River**

Whereas the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Ontario allow municipalities to offer homeowner financing through local improvement charges to fund improvements to private homes upgrading the energy efficiency of the home and/or adding renewable energy options to the home;

And whereas these improvements reduce energy costs to the homeowner for the lifecycle of the home while reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions within the community;

And whereas the local improvement charge model reduces the burden of debt from the homeowner and the debt stays with the house in the form of a property tax until paid off:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the Province of British Columbia to approve enabling legislation to allow municipalities to provide private property owners financing for energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy upgrades to their homes through the use of local Improvement charges.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Transportation**R19 Active Transportation Infrastructure****City of Courtenay**

Whereas in order to respond to the evolving needs of British Columbians and to diversify the economy, local governments across BC have developed and started to implement: forward-thinking transportation plans, downtown revitalization plans, age-friendly community plans, innovative recreation plans, and integrated community sustainability plans—whose timely implementation will require significant investments in active transportation;

And whereas the operational costs of municipal governments and the costs of basic municipal capital projects have increased significantly over the last 10 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to establish a new, dedicated provincial fund to help finance a broad range of active transportation infrastructure projects and programming by local governments, and designed to support: local residents' diverse mobility needs, access to affordable recreation options, and tourism development.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20 Cycling Infrastructure Funding

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas limited revenue sources constrain local government construction of active transportation facilities that support healthy lifestyles, local economic opportunities through tourism; and reduce congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and localized air pollution;

And whereas the current level of provincial cycling infrastructure grant funding is inadequate to meet the demand:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be urged to increase the BikeBC Fund to \$50 million per year.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Environment

R21 Protecting Local Waterways & Wild Fish Species

City of Victoria

Whereas British Columbia's coastal communities rely on healthy waterways and healthy marine ecosystems including fisheries for economic, social and ecological wellbeing and where the proliferation of open-net fish farms with non-native fish species threatens local waterways and wild fish species, undermining the economic, social and ecological wellbeing of local communities;

And whereas many open-net fish farms have been established in indigenous territories in the absence of adequate consultation with indigenous governments, undermining the shared objective of reconciliation and respectful relations between indigenous and non-indigenous governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia consult First Nations governments, local governments, conservation organizations and industry on a transition plan to closed-containment aquaculture, including a just transition for affected workers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22 Federal Review of Geoduck Aquaculture

Islands Trust

Whereas Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) approved the Integrated Geoduck Management Framework in 2017 (IGMF);

And whereas the IGMF will lead to increased applications for geoduck aquaculture which has the potential to negatively impact the marine environment:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that DFO conduct an ecosystem-based study of potential and cumulative impacts of increased geoduck clam aquaculture and consider increased monitoring and enforcement.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23 Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging City of Victoria

Whereas uniform regulations of businesses provide predictability, certainty and efficiency for consumers and business operators;

And whereas unrestricted use of disposable plastic packaging is inconsistent with values of British Columbia residents and imposes costs on local governments in British Columbia, prompting communities to examine options for business regulations limiting disposable plastic packaging in order to contain costs and manage solid waste streams responsibly:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia work with local governments and retailers to introduce uniform, province-wide business regulations in relation to disposable plastic packaging, to substantially reduce the volume of disposable plastic packaging in local solid waste streams.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R24 Protecting Coastal Communities & Waterways from Oil Spills City of Powell River
City of Victoria**

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 the 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 losses in tourism, fishing and other sectors:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC endorse the efforts of the Province of British Columbia to introduce regulations that will safeguard coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R25 Watershed Governance Model

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas UBCM has consistently advocated for providing water purveyors with greater control over the watersheds that provide drinking water to their communities;

And whereas an integrated watershed governance approach that recognizes indigenous water rights and utilizes a collaborative, consensus building approach to decision making could provide a model that addresses community needs while balancing the resource and capacity limitations experienced by local governments and First Nations:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province recognize and support local watershed collaborative governance entities and adequately resource these entities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26 BC Hydro LED Street Light Conversion

City of Powell River

Whereas high pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights are a major energy burden to municipalities and contribute significantly to green house gas emissions and light pollution;

And whereas BC Hydro owns the majority (approximately 75%) of all municipal streetlights:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the Province of British Columbia to direct BC Hydro to begin an LED streetlight conversion project to programmable LED streetlights in all municipalities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R27 Herring Recovery Plan & Moratorium

City of Powell River

Whereas Fisheries and Oceans Canada, despite being mandated to use the precautionary principle when making decisions affecting fish populations, continues to open commercial herring fisheries in BC while populations are severely depleted from historic levels and ecosystem requirements are poorly understood;

And whereas a previous moratorium on the commercial fishing of herring in the late 1960s resulted in significant recovery of herring populations:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to direct the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to develop a west coast herring recovery plan

through a process involving First Nations, independent scientists, naturalists, other levels of government and relevant non-government organizations;

And be it further resolved that a moratorium on all commercial fishing of herring in British Columbia be instituted immediately until populations recover to the level decided upon by the herring recovery plan.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R28 Protection of Native West Coast Salmon

District of Sooke

Whereas British Columbia's native west coast wild salmon can be negatively impacted by commercial salmon farms due to increased levels of diseases and parasites from farmed salmon; degradation of their genetic makeup through interbreeding with escaped farmed salmon; and ecological competition with escaped farmed salmon:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to enact legislation that would protect British Columbia's wild salmon stock from the negative impacts of commercial salmon farms.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Land Use

R29 Private Managed Forest Land Act Amendment

City of Powell River

Whereas Section 21 of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* is an unacceptable restriction on the authority of local governments to regulate activities on private managed forest land (PMFL);

And whereas local governments and communities would benefit significantly from PMFL owners sharing their management commitment, operations maps, harvesting plans and supporting assessments and long-term disposition or development intentions for their land;

And whereas PMFL regulations are not equivalent to forestry regulations that apply to Crown forest land:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the Province to amend the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and Regulations to provide local government more authority to regulate activities on PMFL; require the owners of PMFL to annual consultation and sharing of management commitments, operations maps, harvesting plans and supporting assessments and long-term disposition or development intentions for land within municipal boundaries; and amend the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and Regulations to standards that are equivalent to Crown forest land regulations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Community Economic Development

R30 Sustainability of West Coast Fisheries

City of Campbell River

Whereas fisheries are an important economic driver for the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas fisheries in BC is defined as inclusive of commercial, indigenous, recreation and aquaculture:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province ensure that all decisions with regards to the management of all fisheries, and protection of the natural environment, are made based on current data, technology, science and traditional knowledge.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R31 Log Export Policy

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas billions of dollars of forest industry investment sits idle or is under-utilized in the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas \$805 million of unprocessed logs were exported from British Columbia in 2017, compared to \$278 million exported in 2008, forgoing the opportunity to add value to and create local jobs in this province's forestry sector:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia enact policy that prohibits raw log export from British Columbia without provincial wood processing needs and capacity being evaluated and met.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Selected Issues

R32 Common Asset Management Policy

City of Courtenay

Whereas the purposes of a British Columbia municipality and regional district include providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community;

And whereas the powers, duties and functions of British Columbia municipal and regional district Chief Administrative Officers include:

- a) overall management of the operations of the local government;
- b) ensuring that the policies, programs and other directions of the council or board are implemented; and
- c) advising and informing the council or board on the operation and affairs of the local government;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC support sound asset management practices as the means to achieve local sustainable service delivery;

And be it further resolved that BC municipalities and regional districts, their respective CAOs and staffs would benefit from guidance to a common communications approach to enhance asset management practices;

And be it further resolved that the Asset Management BC partnership develop and implement a common communications approach to enhance asset management practices.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R33 Continuation of Income Subsidy Benefits

Village of Cumberland

Whereas the support portion of Income Assistance (\$335 for a single person) is frequently used to supplement the shelter portion of Income Assistance (\$375 for a single person) to cover housing costs;

And whereas persons entering a residential recovery program maintain the shelter portion of Income Assistance but lose the support portion, often resulting in that person not being able to maintain their current housing, and putting the person at greater risk of homelessness upon exiting of the program:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction continue the support portion of Income Assistance benefits for individuals living in temporary housing, such as recovery programs and protective housing, for the duration of their recovery.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report be received was endorsed.

AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE

- L1 Speculation Tax Regional District of Nanaimo
- L2 Moratorium on ALR Lands for Cannabis District of Central Saanich
- L5 Broadcasting Personal Information Without Consent Powell River Regional District

B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

- L3 Restrict Transport of Diluted Bitumen City of Courtenay, Township of Esquimalt
- L4 Funding of Park and Playfield Improvements City of Nanaimo

L1) Speculation Tax Regional District of Nanaimo

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.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED to the AVICC Executive

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 recreational cannabis while it performs a minimum of six month review and broad consultation with farmers, local governments, industry and the public on the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for the growth and production of marijuana.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

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:

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) request the Province of British Columbia to 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.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “West Coast Marine Spill Response Guarantee” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

OF1) West Coast Marine Spill Response Guarantee

City of Port Alberni

Whereas Kinder Morgan has announced they may cancel their expansion project as soon as May 31st, 2018 and the West Coast Marine Spill Response Corporation has suspended activities at facilities they are building across our region which are tied to the completion of the Kinder Morgan project;

And whereas there is an existing and continued need for world class spill response and the jobs that are tied to that response on the West Coast of British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities ask the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to guarantee funding for the construction and operation of the marine response facilities including those steered by first nations so that those jobs and the world class ocean protection they provide are guaranteed.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “Services to On-Reserve Constituents” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

OF2) Services to On-Reserve Constituents

Central Coast Regional District

Whereas Local Governments provide services to on-reserve constituents who are not fiscally represented in our budgets;

And whereas the Central Coast Regional District is refining a resolution to the 2018 UBCM Convention that addresses this fiscal gap that affects service delivery across British Columbia;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC Executive be directed to send a letter of support to accompany their submission asking UBCM to prioritize a workshop that explains the issues and solutions captured in the resolution and/or other advocacy efforts AVICC Executive deems appropriate.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED