



qathet Regional District &  
City of Powell River

2019 AGM & Convention

April 12 - 14

## PROGRAM Friday, April 12

70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Convention  
Powell River Recreation Complex, 5001 Joyce Avenue

### PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

- 8:00 am Registration Desk Opens (Foyer)
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Workshop: Heritage Guidelines & Townsite District Tour (Elm Room)
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Workshop: Blanket Exercise (Arbutus Room)
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Mayors, RD Chairs and RHD Chairs Forum  
(First Credit Community Room, Powell River Public Library, 100-6975 Alberni St)
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm New Members Orientation Session (Elm Room)
- 1:00 pm Trade Show Opens (Foyer)

### AGM & CONVENTION MAIN PROGRAM – Evergreen Theatre

- 2:00 pm Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks: AVICC President Edwin Grieve  
O' Canada  
Blessing: Honoured Elder Dr. Elsie Paul  
Welcome from Hosts: Chair Patrick Brabazon and Acting Mayor Rob Southcott  
Welcome from Tla'amin Nation: Hegus Clint Williams  
Convention Program Overview: AVICC President Edwin Grieve
- 2:25 pm Nominating Committee Report: Past President Mary Marcotte
- 2:30 pm Keynote Address: Mark Collins, President and CEO, BC Ferries
- 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:50 pm Nominations from the Floor for Table Officers, Candidate Speeches
- 3:55 pm Address: Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- 4:05 pm Address: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
- 4:45 pm Island Health Update: Leah Hollins
- 4:50 pm Workshop: *Building Universal Child Care for BC Together*
- 5:20 pm Final Comments and Wrap-Up, Major Door Prize Draw from TELUS
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Welcome Reception (Foyer and Theatre)
- 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Reception (Seasider at Beach Gardens Resort)

# PROGRAM

## Saturday, April 13

*The Trade Show is Open from 7:15 – 3:00 pm today*

7:15 am	Breakfast Service Starts – Networking Breakfast (Arbutus Room)
7:45 am – 8:25 am	Working Breakfast – Let’s Talk Trash Team (Evergreen Theatre)
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Voting for Table Officers (as necessary) (Foyer)
8:30 am	Opening Remarks (Evergreen Theatre)
8:35 am	Annual Meeting Convention Rules and Procedures Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting President’s Address and Annual Report 2018 Audited Financial Statements
8:45 am	Address: UBCM President Arjun Singh, Councillor, City of Kamloops
9:05 am	Consideration of Resolutions, First Session
9:50 am	BC Hydro – <i>Emergency Response</i>
10:00 am	Refreshment Break
10:20 am	Mining Association of BC Update
10:25 am	Consideration of Resolutions, Second Session
11:20 am	Nominating Committee Report Nominations from the Floor for Directors at Large Candidate speeches
11:30 am	FortisBC – <i>Junk to Joules: Renewable Natural Gas</i>
12:00 pm	Delegates Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Elections for Directors at Large (Foyer)
1:00 pm – 1:25 pm	Physical Activity Break Led by 1 <sup>st</sup> VP Carl Jensen (Meet by Registration)

### CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	#1 Provincial Active Transportation Strategy (MoTI) (Evergreen Theatre) #2 Revitalization of the ALC and ALR (Elm Room) #3 Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment (Poplar Room)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	#1 Island Corridor Foundation Update (Poplar Room)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	#2 CCSPI: Getting the Greatest Value For Your Tax Dollars (Evergreen Theatre)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	#3 Electoral Area Directors’ Forum (Elm Room)

### BANQUET

6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Reception and Banquet (Dwight Hall, Walnut Street, Townsite Historic District)
6:30 pm	Reception and Entertainment
7:30 pm	Dinner and Remarks
9:00 pm	Jim Baron Band

# PROGRAM

## Sunday, April 14

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast ( <i>Arbutus Room</i> )
8:30 am	Opening Remarks Nominating Committee Report Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative, Candidate Speeches
8:35 am	Dr. Andrew Weaver, MLA, Leader of the BC Green Party
8:50 am	Carbon Footprint Survivor Challenge – District of Highlands
8:55 am	Working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Aquaculture Division
9:55 am	Municipal Insurance Association of BC Update
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Refreshment Break
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Elections for Electoral Area Representative (as necessary) ( <i>Foyer</i> )
10:20 am	Municipal Finance Authority of BC Update
10:25 am	Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions
11:45 am	Nominating Committee Report (as required) Installation of New Executive Remarks by President Elect Prizes and Grand Prize Draw – <i>Must Be Present to Win</i> BC Ferries prize package
12:00 pm	Adjourn & Safe Travels BC Transit Bus to Downtown Ferry Terminal for Foot Passengers

### THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Special thanks are extended to qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River for hosting the 2019 AGM & Convention including supplying the facilities, decorating for the banquet, organizing the Friday morning sessions, providing local contacts, and speaker gifts.

Thank you for making the Convention a great experience for our Association.



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# TRADE SHOW

## HOURS

Friday 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

## EXHIBITORS

BC Assessment

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit & Powell River Regional Transit Commission

BC Council of Forest Industries & Wood WORKS! BC

Canada Post

FortisBC Energy

Health Networks

ICBC

Let's Talk Trash Team

Managed Forest Council

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Ohtoqken Canoe Family of Tla'amin Nation

Pacific Coastal Airlines

Private Forest Landowners Association

TELUS

Tourism Powell River

Vancouver Island University

Western Forest Products

# SPONSORS

We wish to thank our sponsors for their contributions toward the 2019 AVICC Convention:

## **Saturday Delegates Lunch**

FortisBC

## **Concurrent Workshops**

BC Hydro

## **Municipal Finance Authority**

Keynote Speaker

## **Friday Opening Session**

Island Health

## **Audio Visual**

TELUS

## **Banquet Dinner**

Young Anderson

## **Banquet Entertainment**

BC Lottery Corporation

## **Banquet Reception**

BC Seafood Alliance

## **Trade Show**

Mining Association of BC

## **Friday Welcome Reception**

Vancouver Island University

## **Mayors and Chairs Forum**

Lidstone & Company Law Corporation

## **Saturday Morning Breakfast**

ICBC

## **Sunday Morning Breakfast**

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

## **Program**

BC Assessment

## **Speaker Gifts**

Geoscience BC

## **Pre-Convention Session**

BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Wood *WORKS!* BC

## **Registration Services**

Western Forest Products

## **Communications**

Shaw Communications

## **Friday Afternoon Refreshment Break**

Private Forest Landowners Association

## **Saturday Morning Refreshment Break**

KPMG

## **Saturday Afternoon Refreshment Break**

Truck Loggers Association

## **Sunday Morning Refreshment Break**

CUPE VI

## **Transportation**

BC Transit / Powell River Regional Transit

## **Grand Prize**

BC Ferry Services

## **Banquet Wine**

Pacific Coastal Airline

# SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK COLLINS, President & CEO, BC Ferries

### Role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities

Friday, 2:30 pm

The Convention will begin with a presentation and conversation with BC Ferries' President & CEO, Mark Collins. Mr. Collins will share information about how the company is preparing for the future and contributing to a sustainable environment.

Mr. Collins will also talk about the ways BC Ferries is moving to more closely align its vision and strategic plan with the aspirations of ferry customers and the communities served by ferries. He'll share the company's plans to add capacity to our coastal ferry system to meet demand and to build resiliency for the millions of customers who rely on BC Ferries each year.

## PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

### Building Universal Child Care for BC Together

Friday, 4:50 pm

With a one billion dollar commitment made in Budget 2018, the Provincial Government is seeking to build partnerships with local governments to support the creation of new child care spaces in their communities. This session will provide an overview of opportunities open to local governments to connect you with provincial resources and supports to build child care in your community. We will highlight successful project examples, and share insight into the vision taking shape for a universal child care system for BC.

Presenter: Michelle Kirby, Manager, Partnerships and Engagement, Childcare BC and former Oak Bay Councillor

### Let's Talk Trash

Saturday, 7:45 am

Join Let's Talk Trash, qathet Regional District's waste reduction education team, to learn about the region's shoreline clean-up initiative and how you can integrate a similar volunteer-driven program that diverts 90% of what is collected in your community. The team will then dive into zero waste events, displaying zero waste stations that are available for use in the community, a mobile dishwashing trailer to facilitate the use of real dishware at outdoor events, and other resources that can help event coordinators integrate zero waste efforts into event planning.

Presenters: Abby McLennan, Let's Talk Trash Team Member  
Tai Uhlmann, Let's Talk Trash Team Member



## SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

### **Working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Aquaculture Division**

Sunday, 8:55 am

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has responsibility for regulating aquaculture activities in British Columbia. This includes marine finfish, shellfish, freshwater/land-based, and enhancement. DFO staff have responsibility for a variety of duties including: environmental reviews, approval and management of licences; First Nations consultation; stakeholder and industry engagement; policy development and intergovernmental liaison; monitoring and adaptive management (including fish health); research and science; compliance and the newly announced Area Based Aquaculture Management initiative. This presentation will provide an overview of the role of the DFO, and an opportunity to discuss how this intersects with the roles and interests of local governments in BC.

Presenters: Allison Webb, Director, Aquaculture Management Division  
Brenda McCorquodale, Manager, Aquaculture Resource Management  
Zac Waddington, Lead Veterinarian, Aquaculture Management Division

### **SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

#### **Provincial Active Transportation Strategy – Hearing from Your Community**

Saturday, 1:30 pm

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is developing an Active Transportation Strategy to be released later this year. The Strategy will aim to increase the use of active transportation (including walking and cycling) by British Columbians of all ages and abilities. The Ministry is hosting a series of regional consultation sessions in communities around the Province. The AVICC session is an opportunity to share information about the development of the strategy, some of the feedback we have heard so far, and provide details about how communities can have input into the themes, priorities and major initiatives of the forthcoming strategy.

Presenters: Dean Murdock, Project Manager, Active Transportation Project, MoTI  
Jesse Skulmoski, Director, Strategic Initiatives, MoTI and BikeBC

#### **Revitalization of the ALC and ALR**

Saturday, 1:30 pm

In January 2018, BC's Minister of Agriculture tasked an independent committee to provide recommendations to the provincial government on the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission. The Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is an independent administrative tribunal dedicated to preserving agricultural land and encouraging farming in British Columbia. In November, the Province gave Royal Assent to amendments to the ALC Act. Join ALC Chair Jennifer Dyson to learn about the outcomes of this revitalization initiative and how changes to provincial legislation governing the ALR affect your local government.

Presenters: Jennifer Dyson, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission  
Kim Grout, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission

# SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

## **SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

### **Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment**

Saturday, 1:30 pm

The session will provide a background on the history of taxation and BC Assessment, including the products and services BC Assessment offers and the role it plays in supporting the development of vibrant communities in BC. New and returning elected officials and senior staff will have the opportunity to learn more about fair taxation and property assessment, and to be a part of the continued conversation about building and strengthening our relationships and communities. Topics that will be covered include a history of taxation; principles of fair taxation; and an overview of BC Assessment including how it values and classifies properties, the assessment appeals process, and the relationship between assessments and taxes.

Presenter: Michael Spatharakis, Manager, Local Government Customers, BC Assessment

## **SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3:00 pm start**

### **Let's Talk Rail**

Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

The Island Corridor Foundation's new CEO, Larry Stevenson will share information regarding the future of Rail on Vancouver Island.

Presenter: Larry Stevenson, CEO, Island Corridor Foundation

### **Getting the Greatest Value For Your Tax Dollars with the CCSPI**

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

This dynamic, 60 minute presentation will trace the roots of social procurement and the development of the new Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast initiative that is helping local governments in the AVICC region maximize the value of tax dollars spent to procure goods and services. The presentation will provide case studies of social procurement projects on Vancouver Island that have delivered successful infrastructure projects that maximize community benefits while staying on (or under!) budget and compliant with international trade agreements. The Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative is the result of two years of development and incubation by Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast local government officials, staff members and experts, and this session will describe how your local government can join the CCSPI to benefit from the growing network of local governments and suppliers delivering successful social procurement.

Presenters: Kristi Fairholm-Mader, SCALE Collaborative  
Rory Kumala, CEO, Vancouver Island Construction Association  
Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland



# SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

## SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

### Electoral Area Directors Forum

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The EA Forum has been an annual fixture at the AVICC Convention since 2016. The Forum provides an excellent opportunity to discuss issues that are common to many electoral areas. As an EA Director we may often feel that we are unique in the challenges we might have in our area, but by attending the Forum soon realize that there are many shared issues. What is most important from the Forum is that we can identify paths to advocate to senior governments to effect change and turn our collaboration into action. A louder voice is better heard.

Director Craig sent out a request for directors to suggest topics for discussion and these will be confirmed at the Forum.

Facilitator: Vanessa Craig, AVICC EA Representative and Nanaimo RD Director



**BC ASSESSMENT**



## ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

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### A WARM WELCOME

The qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River welcome the AVICC Convention delegates back this year after last hosting our Convention in 2010. We appreciate the host communities in not only providing a beautiful location in the upper Sunshine Coast, but also all their support and assistance. The 2019 AVICC Convention is sure to be a great opportunity for learning, policy making and networking.

### PREMIER JOHN HORGAN



We are thrilled to welcome Premier John Horgan to the 2019 AVICC Convention, and look forward to his address to the delegates on Friday.

Born and raised in Victoria, Mr. Horgan was first elected to the Legislature in 2005 as MLA for Juan de Fuca, and has been re-elected three times to ridings in the region. He became leader of the BC NDP in 2014, and Premier of BC in 2017.

As a young man, Mr. Horgan worked in a BC mill and in a joinery. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Trent University in Ontario and Sydney University in Australia. A meeting with Tommy Douglas sparked his interest in social democracy and he went on to work for Members of Parliament in Ottawa. Prior to becoming Premier,

Mr. Horgan attended the AVICC Convention each year to address delegates in his role as Leader of the Opposition. We appreciate his continued commitment to the AVICC and support of local governments in our region.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK COLLINS

#### *The Role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities*



Mark Collins is a mariner and marine executive who leads a team dedicated to connecting people and communities in coastal BC. In his current role of President and CEO of BC Ferries, one of the largest ferry operators in the world, Mark oversees the delivery of safe, reliable ferry service that is vital to the social and economic health of coastal regions and their residents, and to BC.

Mark began his career on the water, first on bulk carriers, oil tankers and container vessels, eventually taking on shore-based management roles. Prior to joining BC Ferries, Mark was the President of Rolls Royce Marine Brazil and Rolls Royce Marine Italy. He holds a Masters in Business Administration in Transport and

Logistics from UBC, a Bachelor of Arts in Marine Geography from Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, a Diploma of Mechanical (Marine) Engineering from Memorial University in Newfoundland, and a Certificate in Strategic Leadership from Oxford University in the UK.

Mark's experience and knowledge are the foundation of his vision for BC Ferries today: to be a future focused enterprise that is trusted and valued by communities and customers.

### PROGRAM IN BRIEF

#### Friday, April 12

- 8:30 am Pre-Convention Workshops
- 12:00 pm New Member Orientation
- 2:00 pm Official Opening  
Keynote Address
- 4:00 pm Plenary  
Premier's Address
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception

#### Saturday, April 13

- 7:30 am Hot Breakfast  
Elections for Table Officers
- 8:30 am AGM & Resolutions  
UBCM President's Address
- 12:00 pm Delegates Lunch
- 12:45 pm Elections for Directors  
at Large
- 1:00 pm ICF Update  
Activity Break
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Workshops
- 6:30 pm Pre-Banquet Reception
- 7:30 pm Annual Banquet

#### Sunday, April 14

- 7:30 am Hot Breakfast
- 8:30 am Resolutions  
Elections for EA Reps  
Address by Provincial Reps  
Installation of New Executive  
Grand Prize Award
- 12:00 pm Adjourn





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## FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

### Heritage Preservation Seminar and Tour of Historic Townsite District

**Time** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Cost** \$30 early bird until March 15  
\$36 after early bird

*Only open to delegates who register for the convention.  
Participants should be prepared for the weather.*

Townsite Historic District was recognized in 1995 as a National Historic District of Canada, preceding the Victoria Chinatown, Esquimalt, Gastown, and Vancouver Chinatown National Historic Districts. Townsite is a well-preserved example of a single-industry planned community. The original 1910-1911 plan can be seen today, as about 400 homes in their original condition stand together as a cohesive whole.

Come to this session to find out how the City of Powell River is balancing priorities that relate to heritage preservation in Townsite. Learn more about the economic importance of heritage preservation, sustainability considerations, and incentivising historic preservation. After a workshop at the Recreation Complex, participants will be bussed to Townsite for a tour to see how the principles of heritage conservation have been applied.



## THANK YOU

to the **City of Powell River &**  
the **qathet Regional District**

The host communities for the 2019 AGM & Convention are the City of Powell River and the qathet Regional District.

The Powell River Council and the qathet Regional District Board are thanked for their generous hospitality. Staff from both local governments have been involved in the planning of the 2019 Convention.

Special thanks to Councillor Leishman and Michelle Jones for all their time and contributions. All local contributors are thanked for their help in making the 2019 AVICC a terrific experience for all!



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## FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM CONT'D

### The Blanket Exercise

**Time** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Cost** \$30 early bird until March 15  
\$36 after early bird

*Only open to delegates who register for the convention.*

This three hour experiential learning workshop is a visceral experience of how Turtle Island became the Canada of today. Originally created by KAIROS Canada, the blanket exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

The script is updated regularly to include local history and experiences as well as current events. This workshop includes a debriefing session following the blanket exercise, a song and a Cedar Brushing Ceremony. There will be four facilitators including Koosen Piele, a language warrior from the Tla’amin Nation who is helping create the Tla’amin dictionary and has worked on both of the Tla’amin’s language apps. Koosen is on the First Peoples Cultural Council and has been invited to many conferences across Turtle Island as an Indigenous Youth Representative.



*Taken by Courtney Harrop*

### Mayors, RD Chairs & RHD Chairs Forum and Lunch

**Time** 12:00 - 1:30 pm  
**Cost** \$50 early bird until March 15  
\$60 after early bird

*Only open to Mayors, Regional District Chairs, Regional Hospital District Chairs and guests by invitation.*

A gathering of Mayors, RD Chairs, RHD Chairs and First Nations Leaders to discuss successes and challenges of collaborations between the different governments and how “thinking outside the box” can create some very strategic alliances and projects for the betterment of the whole community. How can we collaborate and make communication between governments even better? Lunch will be provided.





## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### The Program Format

Based on a successful tradition, the 2019 program will integrate the regular business of the annual general meeting, debate on resolutions and holding of elections with a variety of presentations and workshops on topical issues, addresses by key political speakers and opportunities for networking.

AVICC has also invited the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to attend again this year. The Leader of the BC Liberals and the Leader of the BC Green Party have also been offered speaking opportunities on the program.

A draft of the detailed program is expected to be available by early March on the AVICC website. In order to accommodate emergent issues, the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

### Highlights

Some of the program highlights include:

- Provincial Active Transportation Strategy – Hearing from Your Community (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)
- Working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Aquaculture Division
- Let's Talk Rail (Island Corridor Foundation)
- Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment (BC Assessment)
- Building Universal Child Care for BC Together (Ministry of Children and Family Development – Childcare BC)
- Marine Debris: Local Solutions & the Journey Ahead (Ocean Legacy Foundation & Let's Talk Trash)
- Junk to Joules: The Renewable Natural Gas Opportunity for Local Governments (Fortis BC and AVICC local governments)
- Social Procurement: Getting the Greatest Value For Your Tax Dollars with the CCSPI (Coastal Community Social Procurement Initiative)
- Revitalization of the ALC and ALR (Provincial Agricultural Land Commission)
- Electoral Area Directors Forum

## RESOLUTIONS

### Deadline

The deadline to submit resolutions for consideration was February 7. Resolutions received by this deadline will be processed and included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book that will be mailed to members in late-March.

### Late Resolutions

Resolutions received after the February 7 deadline are considered "late" but will be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer up until 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10.

Members are reminded that, to be admitted for debate, a late resolution must be deemed to be of an urgent or emergency nature and should address an issue that has arisen after the February 7 deadline.

The Resolutions Committee will review all late resolutions and prepare a report to the Convention including a recommendation as to whether the resolution meets the criteria and should be admitted for debate.

Resolutions may also be introduced from the floor at the Convention on Sunday April 14th. Members will vote on whether to admit resolutions for debate.

### Reminder

Late Resolutions Deadline  
**April 10**

See [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca) for details



## NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS

One of the key objectives of the annual AVICC Convention is to provide delegates with opportunities to network and develop new relationships. In addition to hot breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning, refreshment breaks, and a Delegates Lunch on Saturday, AVICC has organized three social events: a Welcome Reception, an Annual Banquet, and a Trade Show.

### Welcome Reception

Friday 5:30 - 7:30 pm

The Welcome Reception will be held within the Trade Show area. Councillor CaroleAnn Leishman is drawing on local musicians and performers to put together great entertainment options for delegates. Admission to the Welcome Reception is included in delegate's registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased for guests through the online registration form on CivicInfo.

### Annual Banquet and Reception

Saturday 6:30 pm

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Dwight Hall heritage building. An elegant and entertaining evening, the Annual Banquet is a prime opportunity for delegates and their partners to network with colleagues. This event includes a pre-banquet reception with entertainment, and a buffet by one of Powell River's treasures - the *Laughing Oyster Restaurant*.

In addition to local musicians and dancers, we are excited to have the well-loved *Jim Baron Band*. If you love to dance and listen to classic rock and roll served up fresh with lots of energy and a lot of class, this will be the perfect night for you.

Courtesy of the City of Powell River and BC Transit, there will be a shuttle service between the main hotels to and from Dwight Hall.

### Trade Show

Friday 1:00 pm - Saturday 3:00 pm

As with past years, AVICC will host a small Trade Show in the Foyer area. Many of our sponsors will be presenting exhibitor booths. Don't miss the opportunity to mingle with fellow delegates and learn more about vendors that could partner with your local government.







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## TOURS & OTHER ATTRACTIONS

### Local Attractions

Delegates may want to come early or stay on after the convention and take the opportunity to visit local attractions.

#### Desolation Sound Marine Park

The Desolation Sound Marine Park is only a short drive away. This Provincial Park has more than 60 kilometers of shoreline, several islands, numerous small bays and snug coves. The forested upland offers a shady refuge of trails and small lakes.

#### Texada Island

Take a ferry ride to Texada Island and see the amazing historical museum, which was made possible by the Regional District funded Texada Heritage Society. This popular museum includes a lifelike re-creation of the Little Billy Mine. Visitors walk through the gold mine shaft and can feel the drops of water dripping off stalactites from above.

The newly built C1900 school room is also not to be missed at the museum. It is a great partnership between the Regional District, the school district and the local community.

### Tourism Powell River

Tourism Powell River will have a booth on-site in the Trade Show with information about activities and tours in the Powell River region. For advance planning, visit their website at [www.powellriver.info](http://www.powellriver.info).

### Western Forest Products – Stillwater Forestry Field Tour

Free April 12 8:00 - 11:30 am

Forestry plays an important role in BC's coastal communities. As the largest public land forest manager on the BC coast, Western Forest Products manages the forests adjacent to and operates sawmills in many of AVICC's member communities. Join our forest professionals for a field tour to see an active forest operation and to learn about modern forest resources management. The tour is free and transport will be provided.

For more information and to sign up, contact:  
Kindry Mercer, Manager, Regional Initiatives  
[kmerc@westernforest.com](mailto:kmerc@westernforest.com)  
250-228-9457





## CODE OF CONDUCT

In keeping with practice at the UBCM Convention, AVICC is implementing a Code of Conduct for this year's convention. The online registration form will be linked to a form outlining the Code. By registering, delegates are acknowledging that they are aware they will be expected to adhere to the 2019 Code of Conduct.

### **ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES CONVENTION CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **2019 Convention**

The AVICC Executive has implemented a code of conduct for convention participants based on the following principles:

1. The primary purpose of the annual AVICC Convention is to provide the membership with an opportunity to set the Association's policy direction for the year ahead.
2. The Convention also provides delegates with an opportunity to learn, share and meet with other local, provincial and federal government officials in addition to other associations that are interested in engaging with local governments.
3. All delegates and convention participants have the right to a safe, fun and enjoyable experience. AVICC will not tolerate any communication or behaviour that demeans, threatens, or harasses anyone at its events.
4. All participants at the Convention, regardless of their employer, their position, their perspectives or priorities will treat others, and be treated, in a respectful, understanding and cooperative manner and behave in a manner that is respectful to other participants and their guests, and will not do anything that threatens the health, safety, security, or dignity of other participants or their guests.
5. Only local elected officials who are AVICC members are entitled to speak and vote on matters put forward to the membership. However, the annual Convention is open to the public, and anyone may attend the Convention so long as they register.
6. All AVICC members are viewed as equal regardless of their population, location, or their ability to attend the annual convention.
7. Participants are expected to adhere to this Code of Conduct at AVICC and other non-AVICC organized events associated with the Convention; and by registering acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to this Code of Conduct.
8. Breaches of the code of conduct will be addressed by the AVICC Executive.





## REGISTRATION

Online registration is available through CivicInfo at:

[www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2019/AVICC](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2019/AVICC)

### Fees

Register early to take advantage of the early bird discounted rates. Please note the cancellation deadline of March 22.

	Early Bird by Mar 15	Late after Mar 15
Member	\$ 300	\$ 360
Non-Member	\$ 360	\$ 430
Welcome Reception	\$ 40	\$ 48
Annual Banquet	\$ 60	\$ 72

### Cancellation Policy

Full Refund: cancellations by March 22 at 4:30 pm

No Refunds: cancellations after March 22 at 4:30 pm

Cancellations must be emailed to [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca)

## LOGISTICS

### Accommodations

Several hotels have been identified as accommodation providers for Convention delegates. Visit [avicc.ca](http://avicc.ca) for more information.

### Convention Venues

Business sessions will be held at the Powell River Recreation Complex at 5001 Joyce Avenue. The Complex is a short walk from several restaurants and cafes.

### Parking

There is free parking at the recreation complex. Delegates are encouraged to carpool with other delegates from their hotel.

### Internet

There will be free Wi-Fi at the Recreation Complex, and no password is required.

## ELECTIONS

The membership elects directors during the AGM & Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to AVICC between Conventions.

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

The deadline for nominations to be included in the Report on Nominations was February 7. However, nominations are still accepted at Convention from the floor.

For further information on the elections process, please email [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca) or visit [avicc.ca](http://avicc.ca).

## MORE INFORMATION

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