

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

2019 Resolutions Received After the Deadline

L1) Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery Comox Valley Regional District

WHEREAS coastal communities rely on the sustainable management of our oceans and the Salish Sea in particular, as well as the protection of species at risk;

AND WHEREAS 4/5 of the herring fisheries have already been closed due to poor returns, with the last remaining fishery being located around Hornby and Denman Islands;

AND WHEREAS over 70,000 signatures have been gathered against this particular fishery;

AND WHEREAS the K'ómoks First Nation, whose unceded territory this fishery occurs on, has expressed concerns about current harvest levels:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Department of Fisheries consider a moratorium on the Hornby and Denman Islands fishery, or a substantial reduction in the allowable catch volume effective in 2020.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Not Admit For Debate

Resolutions Committee comments:

*The Resolutions Committee would suggest that the issue raised in the resolution **was known** prior to the AVICC submission deadline for resolutions, therefore the resolution meets the criteria to be admitted for debate.*

Convention Decision: _____

L2) Eliminate GST and PST on Construction Materials Town of Ladysmith

WHEREAS the lack of affordable housing in British Columbia communities is creating a crisis whereby lower income families and individuals are unable to secure appropriate housing and businesses are unable to recruit and retain workers;

AND WHEREAS investment in the development of affordable housing by all levels of government will generate significant social and economic returns:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governments of Canada and British Columbia reduce or eliminate the Goods and Services Tax and the Provincial Sales Tax charged on materials purchased for the construction of affordable housing projects in British Columbia 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 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) Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution

City of Colwood

WHEREAS British Columbia Municipalities may jointly participate in RCMP/Policing to cost-effectively manage community safety in their region with the Province providing funding to each Municipality based on population;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 West Shore RCMP General Duty Service Assessment has identified that the current 81 officer detachment needs to be bolstered by 9 officers immediately and another 4 by 2023 with the current share contributed by the Province providing 40% fewer officers per capita, equating to an approximate \$720,000 short fall, forcing some municipalities to contribute more than their equitable share;

AND WHEREAS the Province does not hesitate to force a municipality to hire additional officers when it determines that the Municipality requires them to meet the needs of the community, as was the case for the City of Victoria this year:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province immediately increase their contribution for the provincial component of RCMP funding to meet the immediate and projected service needs for the communities they serve where a General Duty Service Assessment has identified a short fall.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Admit for Debate

UBCM Policy staff recommendation: *Endorse (although it would be a better resolution if they deleted "where a General Duty Service Assessment has identified a shortfall" from the enactment clause)*

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.

The Resolutions Committee would advise that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to increase the authorized strength of RCMP

provincial detachments to a sufficient level (2017-B6, 2016-B82, 2014-B6, 2013-B7, 2012-B1). In response to endorsed resolution 2017-B6, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General noted that local detachments may report resourcing pressures to RCMP Headquarters, who will carefully consider business cases forwarded through this process.

During the 2018 UBCM Convention, a number of local governments expressed concerns to the Province and RCMP regarding a lack of provincial policing resources. Subsequently, UBCM delivered correspondence to Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Honourable Mike Farnworth, requesting that RCMP provincial detachments be adequately resourced. In his response, Minister Farnworth discussed the Province's investment in specialized policing services (e.g. organized crime, gangs and guns), and once again cited the process permitting local detachments to report resourcing pressures to RCMP Headquarters.

Convention Decision: _____

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L4 Amendments to SCRD Climate Emergency Declaration Capital Regional District

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change in the form of extreme weather events, wildfires and drought are occurring at an accelerated rate and with growing frequency throughout BC and are creating major financial, social and environmental costs which are largely being borne by local governments and the residents they serve;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgency for action but a lack of resources and coordination to support local governments in their ability to adapt to and mitigate the ongoing effects of climate change, especially with respect to infrastructure upgrades, repairs and maintenance, and emergency preparedness measures:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to declare a province-wide Climate Emergency **and to assist local governments in achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 and a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 100% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 as per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change October 2018 report.** ((deleting the following - in order to emphasize the critical imperative for immediate action and to assist with province-wide collaboration and coordination of resources that will support local governments))

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of UBCM communicate to the Provincial Minister of the Environment local government's support to help the Province close the 25% emissions gap in the CleanBC Plan, and call on the Province to provide the powers and resources to local governments to do so.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: xxx

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. <<SCRD Resolution was not known prior to Feb 7>>

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: _____