



Regional District of Nanaimo &
City of Nanaimo

2020 AGM & Convention

April 17 - 19

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WELCOME FROM AVICC PRESIDENT CARL JENSEN



This year the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities is excited to be back in Nanaimo – the Harbour City – for our 2020 AGM and Convention. The Regional District and the City are our joint hosts, and as President of AVICC I would like to thank both organizations for all their support in welcoming our members to their community.

The Convention’s business and social sessions will be held in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (VICC) in downtown Nanaimo. We appreciate the support of our host communities in making the conference centre available to us, as well as the tours, sessions and entertainment they have worked hard to set up for the delegates.

The AVICC Executive is excited about the range of sessions available at this year’s Convention. I am very happy to announce our keynote speaker, Joe Roberts – Skid Row CEO. Some background on Joe is included below, and we look forward to having him share his fascinating story with us at the Convention opening.

Details on the pre-Convention Friday tours and sessions are also included in this brochure, as are highlights of the business sessions that will be offered during the regular Convention. We’ll be sending out more information on the Convention sessions in the next few weeks, and updates to the program will be posted on the website at www.avicc.ca.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOE ROBERTS, SKID ROW CEO



Before

After

Joe Roberts aka The Skid Row CEO is an expert on resiliency and change. Having experienced both catastrophic failure and extraordinary success Joe teaches how to overcome the roadblocks that get in the way of high performance. He helps companies and individuals redefine what’s truly possible by confronting limiting mindsets. Participants at Joe’s events leave inspired and moved to action.

In 1989 Joe was a homeless drug addict on the streets of Vancouver. With the help of family and community champions, Joe’s life transformed. As you walk with Joe through the tough streets of East Vancouver in the 1980s, you will experience the depths and degradation of a former homeless drug addict, to the triumph of a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.

Joe’s message is relatable, humorous, honest, raw and unforgettable. He tackles the stigma associated with mental health and addiction in a straight forward authentic way and shares the tools needed to build resiliency in any situation.

Since 1989, Joe has acquired two college diplomas, became the CEO of one of Vancouver’s leading multimedia companies, walked across Canada and achieved more success than he could ever have imagined. Joe is also the Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Push for Change Foundation, a charity advocating for youth homelessness prevention. Joe walked 9,064 km across Canada from May 1, 2016 until September 29, 2017, pushing a shopping cart to raise money and awareness about youth homelessness.

Joe has been recognized by Maclean’s magazine as one of “10 Canadians who make a difference,” won the BC Courage to Come Back Award, received The Ontario Premier’s Award for Business, was given an Honorary Doctorate from Laurentian University and was recognized by the Senate of Canada with their Canada 150 Medal. Recently Joe was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) from The Governor General of Canada.

PROGRAM IN BRIEF

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:30 am Tours – Community Amenity; GNPCC
- 9:00 am Workshop on Public Engagement
- 11:30 am Mayors & Chairs Caucus and Lunch
- 11:30 am Electoral Area Forum and Lunch
- 2:00 pm Official Opening
Keynote Address
- 4:00 pm Provincial Address
Plenary
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception
- 7:30 pm COFI Reception

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:30 am Breakfast Presentation
- 8:30 am AGM & Resolutions
UBCM President’s Address
UBCM Resolutions
Process Review
- Noon Delegates Lunch
- 1:00 pm MFABC Investment Session
- 1:30 pm 1st Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- 3:00 pm 2nd Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- 6:30 pm Pre-Banquet Reception
- 7:30 pm Dinner & Band

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:30 am Networking Breakfast
- 8:30 am Resolutions & Late Resolutions
Address by
Opposition
Installation of New Executive
Grand Prize Award
- Noon Adjourn



FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

Study Tour: 'Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre Tour'

8:30-11:30, Friday, April 17, 2020

Cost: \$30, due to limited space, please register no more than 3 per government

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has organized a tour through our state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility that is slated for its grand opening in June. Located in the City of Nanaimo and operated by the RDN, the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre (GNPCC) is the region's largest wastewater treatment facility, providing chemically-enhanced primary treatment for 97,000 people and businesses.



The facility is being upgraded to meet provincial and federal requirements to provide secondary treatment at all municipal wastewater treatment facilities. Secondary treatment produces significantly higher quality effluent than primary treatment which improves conditions for the environment.



This is an \$82 million project with funding coming from a combination of the Federal Gas Tax Fund, reserves, DCCs, and borrowing.

GNPCC overlooks the ocean and, nestled in a growing suburban community, is a neighbour to parks, a creek, an elementary school, community trails and a residential neighbourhood.



Join us on this tour to see the innovation and partnerships packaged into this facility and its operations. For example, GNPCC:



- Recycled blast rock from the site into stone columns that will stabilize the soils in the event of an earthquake.
- Made improvements to the biofilter and odour management system.
- Generates electricity from biogas produced during treatment.
- Produces biosolids that are managed in a two-time award winning program.
- Has an agreement with Snuneymuxw First Nations to provide wastewater treatment.
- Operates under an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.
- Follows an asset management program.

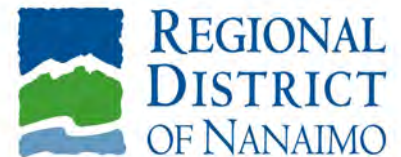
THANK YOU

to the **City of Nanaimo & the Regional District of Nanaimo**

The host communities for the 2020 AGM & Convention are the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Nanaimo. Mayor Leonard Krog and Council, and Chair Ian Thorpe and the RDN Board are thanked for their generous hospitality.

City and RDN staff have been involved in planning the 2020 Convention. Special thanks to Lisa Moilanen and Donna Stennes for their enthusiasm and assistance.

All local contributors are thanked for their help in making the 2020 AGM & Convention a great experience for all.





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The City of Nanaimo has put together a guided bus tour that will give delegates the opportunity to visit five sites the City has developed recently to benefit the community. The tour will visit:

Five Acre Farm

A partnership with local non-profit Nanaimo Foodshare to continue providing community food and farming education programs at the last remaining, historic Five Acre Farm site in Harewood.



Harewood Centennial Park

An inner-city park revitalized to become a community gathering place for all ages through enhanced amenities, including a kids' water park, covered sports court, improved pathways, accessible playground and soon-to-be completed skateboard park.

Te'tuxwtun

A vision that integrates affordable housing, parks and culture, education, childcare and health services, Te'tuxwtun is the result of collaboration between the City of Nanaimo, Snuneymuxw First Nation, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools and BC Housing.



Larry McNabb Sports Zone

Next door to Vancouver Island University and NDSS high school, this prime location for Nanaimo's key sports facilities include an aquatic centre, ice rink, baseball stadium and playing fields, track and field complex, multi-use trails and a recently-added artificial turf soccer/football field.

Steve Smith Bike Park

Built in 2017 to honour the memory of beloved local mountain bike champion, Steve Smith, the bike park is host to top international competitions and is enjoyed by bike enthusiasts of all ages and abilities in the community.





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FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM CONT'D

Connecting With Your Community

Time 9 am to 11 am
Cost \$30

Join us for an interactive session to learn various ways to connect with your community including what public engagement is and is not, and why it is important. We will cover both the practical aspects of public engagement but also the legislative context including council meetings and public hearings. By sharing examples and lessons learned, you will take away ideas on how to best plan for transparent and open conversations with your community. This will be a joint presentation from Kathleen Higgins, Barrister and Solicitor at Young Anderson, and regional district communications staff including Lisa Moilanen, Engagement Coordinator from the Regional District of Nanaimo and Kris Schumacher, Manager, Communications & Engagement, Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Mayors & Chairs Forum and Lunch

Time Noon to 1:30 pm
Cost \$40

A gathering of Mayors, RD 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?

This forum is open to Mayors, Regional District Chairs and First Nations leaders. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 am.

Electoral Area Forum and Lunch

Time Noon to 1:30 pm
Cost \$40

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.

This forum is designed for EA Directors and RD staff. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 am.

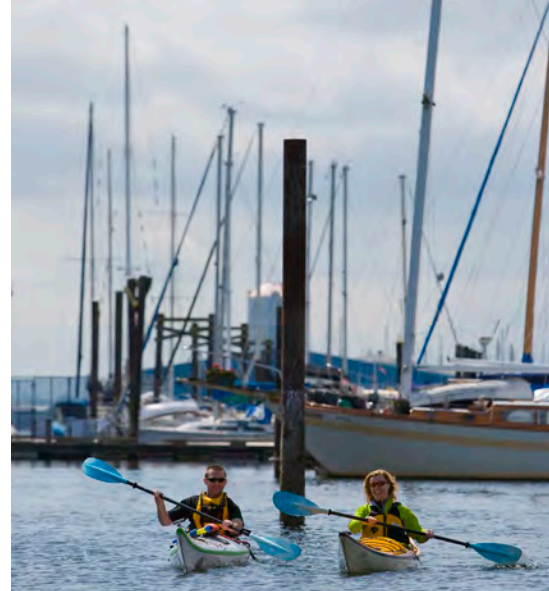


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CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Program Format

The 2020 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.

Invitations have been extended to BC Premier, John Horgan; Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, Selina Robinson; Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrew Wilkinson; Interim Leader of the BC Green Party, Adam Olsen; and UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait.

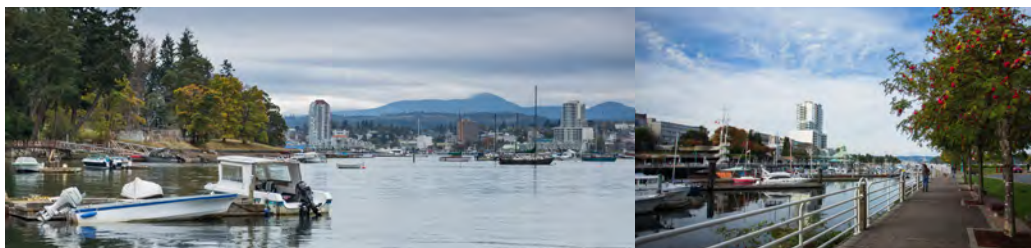
A draft of the detailed program is expected to be available by late-February on the AVICC website. In order to accommodate emergent issues, the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

Highlights

Some program highlights that have been confirmed include:

- Engaging the Power of Youth
- Towards Zero-Waste and the Circular economy: Solid Waste Solutions
- Making it Happen - Tactical Urbanism Interventions in Nanaimo
- Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – Climate Leadership Plan Update with CleanBC
- UBCM Resolutions Process Review
- Toward Parity in Municipal Politics – Women in Leadership
- From Abandoned Boats to Tankers: how can you have access to compensation for oil pollution?
- Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.'s forest products industry
- Understanding the Municipal Reserve Investment Process: Risk vs Reward, Time Horizons, Environmental Factors and Socially Responsible Investing – MFABC

There are other sessions under development that will be included when the program is announced.



RESOLUTIONS

DEADLINE

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions received prior to the **February 6, 2020** deadline will be processed and included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book that will be emailed to members in late-March.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions received after the deadline are considered “late” but will be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer up until noon, **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**.

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 6th deadline date.

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.

Members can also propose a resolution from the floor of the Convention on **Sunday, April 19, 2020** and members will then vote on whether to admit the resolution for debate. See the Convention Rules around resolutions in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Book* which has guidelines for distributing printed materials to delegates for off the floor resolutions.

Reminder

**Late Resolutions Deadline
April 15
Noon**

See www.avicc.ca for details



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NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS

A key objective of the AVICC Convention is providing delegates with the opportunity to connect with colleagues and develop new relationships. Members can share experiences and learnings to take back to their communities. There will be several opportunities to break bread with each other at the breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning, the morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, Saturday's Delegates Lunch, the Friday evening receptions and the Saturday evening reception and Annual Banquet.

2020 Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm Friday evening in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre just outside the main ballroom. The Trade Show will be open for delegates to peruse while enjoying refreshments. Admission for delegates is already included in the delegate registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased for guests through the on-line registration form on CivicInfo.

The Council of Forest Industries is offering a reception for AVICC delegates that starts at 7:30 pm immediately after the Welcome Reception. The COFI reception will be held on level 2 of the Coast Bastion Hotel next door to the Conference Centre.



Annual Banquet

The Banquet will be held in the main ballroom of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre that will be transformed for the night. There will be entertainment from "Time Well Wasted" that will get us up and dancing after the 3-course meal. "Time Well Wasted" is a 12-piece, horn-driven funk, soul, rock, rhythm & blues band from Vancouver Island. They are a high energy dance and party band, playing the very best disco, funk, soul, rock, rhythm and blues ... with attitude!! With two powerhouse female vocalists, 5-horns, and a locomotive rhythm section, Time Well Wasted performs all the dance-crazy radio hits you love, including Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Tori Kelly, Tower of Power, Earth, Wind & Fire, Bruno Mars, Doobie Brothers, Kool and the Gang, Bee Gees, Toto, Powder Blues, Chicago, Little Feat, Steely Dan, Santana, Aretha Franklin and many, many more.

Island Good

The Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) is a collaborative partnership spearheading regional economic development for the Vancouver Island region. VIEA has established the **Island Good** brand with its range of products sourced from local suppliers that is increasing sales and market share for Vancouver Island & Gulf Island products.

Created by VIEA in 2018, Island Good achieved an astounding 16.4% sales lift over 6 months in 45 grocery stores. In 2018, VIEA established that henceforth, all food & beverage served at its annual **Economic Summit** would be Island Good. And now AVICC is following this lead at our AGM and Convention in Nanaimo with food, beverage and even our speaker gifts.



Trade Show

As in past years, AVICC will host a Trade Show adjacent to the main meeting room. Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths – please thank them for supporting our Convention and allowing us to keep our fees the lowest of all the area associations.

The Trade Show will be open Friday afternoon and during the Welcome Reception, and then from breakfast on Saturday through to a 3:00 pm close after the Saturday afternoon networking break.



REGISTRATION

Online registration is available through CivicInfo at:
<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2020/AVICC>

Fees

Register early to take advantage of the early bird discounted rates. Please note the cancellation deadline of March 27th.

	Early Bird (by Mar 13)	Late (after Mar 13)
Member	\$ 310	\$ 360
Non-Member	\$ 375	\$ 425
Welcome Reception	\$ 40	\$ 48
Annual Banquet	\$ 65	\$ 75

The Welcome Reception is included with delegate registration. Tickets are available for guests and must be purchased ahead of time to ensure availability.

Cancellation Policy

Full Refund: cancellations by March 27 4:30 pm
No Refunds: cancellations after March 27 4:30 pm

Cancellations must be emailed to avicc@ubcm.ca.

LOGISTICS

Convention Venue

All business sessions will be held at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre at 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo.

Parking

Parking is available for a fee at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

Internet

The Vancouver Island Conference Centre has complimentary WiFi for delegates.

Accommodations

Two hotel blocks were set up for Convention delegates that are full but taking waiting lists. More hotel options are listed at Tourism Nanaimo. Visit avicc.ca for rates and booking information.

ELECTIONS

AVICC members elect 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 6th. However, nominations are still accepted at Convention from the floor.

For further information on the elections process, please email avicc@ubcm.ca or visit avicc.ca.

TOURISM

Tourism Nanaimo will have a booth on-site right next to the registration desk. The Tourism booth will be staffed by locals who can make recommendations on places to visit, shop and eat in the region.

There is also a great deal of information on their website at [Tourism Nanaimo](http://TourismNanaimo.ca) if you'd like to do some planning before you arrive. Take a look and you may decide to extend your visit to Nanaimo to see all that the region has to offer.

MORE INFORMATION

The most current information will be posted on the AVICC website. Please check back regularly for updates.

For specific questions, please contact:

Liz Cookson, AVICC Secretary-Treasurer
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CODE OF CONDUCT

In keeping with practice at the UBCM Convention, AVICC will again have a Code of Conduct for this year's AVICC Convention. The online registration form is linked to a form outlining the Code. By registering, delegates are acknowledging that they are aware that they are expected to adhere to the 2020 Code of Conduct.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES CONVENTION CODE OF CONDUCT

2020 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 will be required to sign a confirmation that they have read, understood, and agree to this Code of Conduct at time of registration.
8. Breaches of the code of conduct will be addressed by the AVICC Executive.