



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019
AT LONGWOOD STATION, NANAIMO**

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich, President
Chair Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley RD, 1st Vice President
Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot RD, 2nd Vice President
Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo RD, Electoral Area Representative
Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay, Director at Large (by phone)
Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River, Director at Large
Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni, Director at Large
Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley RD, Past President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Liz Cookson, Secretary-Treasurer

President Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed Committee members and staff.

AGENDA

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed in the meeting package was CARRIED

MINUTES

On motion by Director Solda, seconded by Past President Grieve,
THAT the minutes of the May 24, 2019 Executive Committee meeting be adopted was CARRIED

AGM MINUTES

On motion by Director Solda, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
THAT the minutes of the April 12-14, 2019 AGM and Convention be received was CARRIED

Liz Cookson noted that the 2019 AGM & Convention meeting minutes are draft until adopted by the AVICC membership at the 2020 AGM & Convention.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jensen advised he would be serving on the UBCM Nominating Committee for the 2019 Convention, and that his term on the UBCM Executive will commence following the UBCM Convention. Past President Grieve remains the AVICC representative up until that point.

President Jensen further advised that he had been invited to a call with a group formed by Nanaimo MLA Sheila Malcolmson in her role as the Special Advisor on Marine Debris Protection. The group will discuss options for dealing with derelict vessels and plastic waste in the oceans and foreshore. President Jensen asked the Executive members to send any comments they have on this topic through him. Ms. Malcolmson is expecting to report back by the end of September to the Minister of Environment. President Jensen will find out if there will be any involvement from the Surfriders and Ocean Legacy Foundation.

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by Director Solda,
 THAT the President’s Report be received was

CARRIED

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

Interim Financials to May 31, 2019 with Interim Convention Financials

Liz Cookson reviewed the interim financial statements and convention financial results up to May 31, 2019 that were distributed with the meeting package. She updated the comparison of convention registration fees to include a 2019 fee of \$425 from SILGA that was not known at the time of preparing the report. AVICC continues to have the lowest convention registration fees.

The updated comparison is:

TOTAL CONFERENCE - EARLY BIRD	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AKBLG	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$480.00	\$495.00
AVICC	\$203.00	\$226.00	\$251.00	\$300.00	\$345.00	\$360.00
LMLGA	\$400.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$415.00	\$440.00	\$440.00
NCLGA	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
SILGA	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$425.00

Liz Cookson advised that overall the Association’s revenues and expenses for 2019 are on target. There will be additional billings to regional districts for the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste that are not yet represented in these interim statements. As well, there is approximately \$44,000 that AVICC is holding left over from the Treaty Advisory Committee work (TAC) in 2000/01 that can not be spent without approval from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR).

The Executive discussed the procedure for freeing up the TAC funds, and whether the Ministry should be advised on where the Executive might consider spending the money. The Executive also considered whether or not there was sufficient direction from the membership on how the funds should be spent or whether this should be brought to the 2020 convention for consultation. The option of using the money to educate members on indigenous issues was considered. 2nd Vice President Cote noted that some of the programs offered in recent years at AVICC conventions may have been appropriate for the TAC funds, including the donation to Reconciliation Canada for Chief Dr. Robert Joseph’s keynote at the 2016 Convention and the Blanket Exercise at the 2019 Convention.

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by Past President Grieve,
 THAT staff enquire discreetly with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation as to the eligibility for expenditure of funds left over from the Treaty Advisory Committee was CARRIED
 2nd Vice President Cote opposed

On motion by Director Evans, seconded by Director Solda,
 THAT staff include the terms of use of funds and test possible ideas for use of the funds as part of the enquiry with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation was NOT VOTED ON

Director Solda suggested sending a letter to first nation members that meet AVICC member eligibility to invite them to become members of AVICC. She suggested a copy of the letter should also be sent to the relevant local government. The Executive discussed how several first nations had joined the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District as members and as potential members, and whether that could be a model for engagement. Past President Grieve noted that AVICC is an association under the Societies Act and not a local government so it is not the same situation as one government inviting another government. 1st Vice President Morrison expressed unease with protocol issues and being respectful of relationships in encouraging membership.

Liz Cookson reviewed the AVICC’s member eligibility criteria as set out in the Executive Policies. She noted that UBCM had amended its criteria in recent years, and had sent out letters of invitation for membership to first nations. She was not sure if AVICC’s criteria were still in sync with UBCM’s and what the response had been to their invitation letters. She recommended a report back with information on potential members, along with background on the TAC process and funds from 2000/01.

On motion by Director Evans, seconded by Director Solda,
That the previous motion moved and seconded by Directors Evans and Solda regarding enquiring about terms of use of funds and testing ideas with the Ministry be deferred until staff review and report back on the background of the TAC process and on first nations in AVICC that are eligible for membership under existing criteria was CARRIED

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by Director Solda,
THAT the report on interim financial statements and the financial results of the convention to May 31, 2019 be received was CARRIED

Auditor for 2019

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the 2019 financial year was CARRIED

Dues Status Report

On motion by Director Evans, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT the report on the status of 2019 membership dues with a comparison to other area associations be received was CARRIED

Resolution Procedures Review

The Executive discussed comments on the resolutions process from the convention evaluation forms. There was no support for limiting the number of resolutions a member could submit. The Executive members commented they did not see their role as the “resolutions police” restricting the inclusion of resolutions. However, Executive members discussed the importance of good quality resolutions for the credibility of the Association and to ensure staff can advocate effectively on the resolution requests with senior levels of government.

1st Vice President Morrison suggested a road show or additional communications to review resolutions procedures with the members. He noted that the staff report detailed that AVICC spends much more time on resolutions than the other area associations. There was a discussion on whether there were more resolutions in 2019 since it was the first year after the civic election, but Liz Cookson advised there were a similar number of resolutions in 2018.

Director Evans commented that members do not get a full opportunity to review the late resolutions and their background material in the same manner as resolutions received by the deadline. She also

commented that some of the background information submitted was too long and that members need to be held accountable for the information they submit. Methods to ensure accurate resolutions and informative backgrounders were discussed.

Liz Cookson reviewed the procedure followed by AVICC and by the UBCM resolutions and policy staff to review and provide comments. The comments go forward to the AVICC Executive for review at a teleconference in March before being distributed to the members as recommendations of the AVICC Resolutions Committee.

Liz Cookson advised that UBCM staff do not always have the expertise to evaluate whether or not a statement in a whereas clause is factually accurate. A requirement for better backgrounders would put the responsibility on local government member staff. Some smaller members have struggled with this and simply pass on the resolution without understanding the issue. Returning a resolution as inaccurate or lacking sufficient background material could be interpreted as stifling the resolutions process.

EA Representative Craig commented that AVICC should make sure the resolutions are applicable to all of AVICC and not just a specific area e.g. the City of Victoria resolution on BC Transit improvements specific only to the City of Victoria. She would like to see AVICC use electronic voting devices as the standing votes took considerable time, and some members perceived they were not counted. Liz Cookson advised she would review the new voting devices being purchased by UBCM for use by AVICC. Director Solda requested that the review include consideration of purchasing voting devices for AVICC rather than renting from UBCM.

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT the report on the review of resolutions procedures be received was CARRIED
Director Solda absent for the vote

On motion by Director Evans, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT the Executive Policies require AVICC members to include a resolution backgrounder with each resolution that is a maximum of 3 pages, and that may include links to other information and reports;
and

THAT the Executive Policies require resolutions from AVICC members to be relevant to all areas of AVICC rather than specific to a region was CARRIED

Past President Grieve and 1st Vice President Morrison opposed

On motion by EA Representative Craig, seconded by Director Solda,
THAT staff bring back a report on new resolutions procedures was CARRIED

POLICY

2019 Resolutions for Executive Action

The Executive Committee considered which policy areas the AVICC should focus on based on convention resolutions and Executive preferences. 1st Vice President Morrison noted that the Executive should focus on the mandate from AVICC members based on direction at the convention.

Director Solda suggested watersheds and transit (Greyhound) as policy areas for Executive consideration. She advised that she used to Chair the AVICC Watershed Committee when she was previously on the Executive.

Director Evans requested updates from the AVICC Committees the Executive had established. Liz Cookson advised that currently the AVICC has one committee – the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management that is chaired by Past President Grieve. AVICC also has representatives/liasons appointed to three external committees: the Southern Resident Killer Whale Advisory Group (Mayor Josie Osborne, District of Tofino); the DFO Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee for Shellfish (Director Daniel Arbour, Comox Valley RD); and the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (1st Vice President Morrison). In addition, 2nd Vice President Cote is the AVICC representative for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

2nd Vice President Cote supported watersheds as a policy focus, and also noted her concern about changes to the ALR from Bills 15 and 52, and the incremental cannabis costs local governments are facing under legalization. A study of incremental costs is being prepared by UBCM and GFOABC. President Jensen will get an update on the status of this study.

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
That staff write letters to advise the appropriate agencies of resolution R8) Revitalizing Island Rail and resolution L1) Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Island Fishery, and

THAT staff set up a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the regional districts involved in resolution R3) Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan was CARRIED

1st Vice President Morrison left the meeting

DELEGATION – BC Seafood Alliance

Two representatives from the BC Seafood Alliance joined the meeting: Christina Burridge, Executive Director and Chris Sporer, Executive Manager, Pacific Halibut Management Association and President, BC Seafood Alliance.

After introductions, the representatives thanked the AVICC Executive for accepting their request to present to the group. Ms. Burridge advised that the BC Seafood Alliance is an umbrella organization established in 1999. Its members are associations representing commercial harvesters in the major wild fisheries in BC. 17 of its members represent about 90% of wild seafood harvested in BC.

Mr. Sporer presented a slide deck on BC Wild Seafood: State of the Industry showing the value of the industry and information about the roe herring industry. He advised that there is a strong involvement in the fisheries from first nations making up approximately 40% of licences. He noted that the Alliance is concerned about resolution L1) Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery since it requests a moratorium, or a substantial reduction in the allowable catch volume effective in 2020. He advised that the herring fishery takes place when no other fishing activity is going on and when plants would otherwise be idle. The Alliance also has concerns about the proposed marine protected area in the northern shelf bioregion that they project will take \$100 million annually out of the BC economy.

In response to a question from the Alliance representatives, President Jensen detailed the process that was followed in receiving the late resolution from Comox Valley RD at the 2019 Convention. He explained that the AVICC Executive judged that the resolution did not meet the criteria for a late resolution and recommended that it not be admitted for debate. However during the consideration of the late resolutions report the members voted to admit the resolution for debate based on Director Arbour's explanation that information on the 70,000 signatures and the K'omoks First Nations concerns

had not been known at the time of the resolutions deadline in February. After the motion was accepted for debate, it was endorsed by the membership so has been forwarded to the UBCM for consideration in UBCM's resolutions process.

Ms. Burrige and Mr. Sporer answered questions from the Executive on landed weight comparisons over time periods when stocks were in recovery; the Alliance's relationship with the K'omoks First Nation; what happens to the remainder of the herring after the roe is sold to Japan; and what the Alliance is doing to reduce fishing gear that becomes lost and contributes to plastics in the ocean.

President Jensen thanked the representatives from BC Seafood Alliance for coming to the meeting to discuss their concerns and for their presentation.

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT the presentation from the BC Seafood Alliance be received was

CARRIED

CONVENTION

2020 AVICC Convention Planning

Liz Cookson reviewed the report on planning for the 2020 Convention and requested input from the Executive.

The Executive discussed keynote speakers, and President Jensen proposed the base commander for CFB Esquimalt, sometimes called the "14th Mayor" in the Capital RD. Director Braithwaite supported the suggestion, and said the Commander was involved in the tour of the base during the Mayors Caucus in 2017. Director Solda also supported the recommendation of the Esquimalt Commander.

Liz Cookson forwarded the speaker recommendation received from 1st Vice President Morrison for Hunter Lovins.

Director Braithwaite proposed Kathy MacNeil, the CEO from Island Health. President Jensen asked for any further recommendations to be sent to him.

The Executive gave direction to staff to consult with the host community for a recommended speaker.

With respect to sponsors for 2020, Director Evans advised that in her opinion AVICC should not provide additional speaking opportunities to sponsors, but maintain the existing ones. Director Solda would like to include the value of sponsorships in communications AVICC sends to members about the convention program. The Executive gave direction to staff to prepare a report for the October meeting on sponsorship including revenue over the years.

The Executive gave direction to staff that the banquet in 2020 should be plated rather than a buffet. The Executive would like to see a comparison of sample menus in October.

The Executive suggested workshops on:

- Cannabis implementation costs, possibly with Minister Popham with respect to ALC regulations
- Homelessness and affordable housing
- Organic waste and plastics bans
- Economic development
- First nations involvement

Regarding possible tours, EA Representative Craig suggested a forest watershed tour (Mosaic).

With respect to involvement by local MLAs and MPs, the Executive gave direction that MLAs and MPs continue to be invited with complimentary registration, but as the focus of the convention is on local government, the local MLA and MP will not be included in the VIP procession piped in to the opening ceremony.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Cote, seconded by Director Evans,
THAT the report on 2020 Convention planning be received, and that the direction provided by the Executive be actioned was CARRIED

AVICC Lunch at UBCM Convention

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
THAT the proposed program for the 2019 AVICC Lunch on September 25 be approved, and

THAT the AVICC support the Regional District of Nanaimo with setting up a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure was CARRIED

Meeting at UBCM Convention

President Jensen sought input from the Executive on interest and availability for a meeting during the UBCM Convention, possibly at lunch on Thursday rather than attending the delegates’ lunch. Following discussion, a decision was deferred to the September teleconference when members would know their schedules at UBCM.

CORRESPONDENCE

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by Director Evans,
That the correspondence from TOTAL regarding Corporate Responsibility for Climate Impacts in BC be received and that the AVICC thank TOTAL for their response was CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:30 pm, on motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,
that the meeting be adjourned was CARRIED

Carl Jensen
President

Liz Cookson
Secretary-Treasurer