



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
BY TELECONFERENCE**

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

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Liz Cookson, Secretary-Treasurer

President Jensen called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and welcomed Committee members and staff.

AGENDA

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by Director Solda,
THAT the agenda be adopted was CARRIED

MINUTES

On motion by Director Solda, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
THAT the minutes of the October 25, 2019 Executive Committee meeting be adopted was CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jensen advised that he had contacted the Deputy Minister from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding approval to use the remaining treaty advisory committee funds, and had not received a response to date. He has directed the Secretary-Treasurer to draft a letter for Minister Fraser requesting approval to use the funds to support AVICC's relationship with indigenous groups within the AVICC region.

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by 1st Vice President Morrison,
THAT the President's Report be received was CARRIED

CONVENTION

2020 Convention Update

Liz Cookson reviewed updates to planning for the 2020 Convention since the October 25th Executive Committee meeting. She confirmed that Joe Roberts, Skid Row CEO has been contracted as the keynote speaker for the amount approved at the October 25th meeting of \$5,000 plus expenses.

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
THAT Joe Roberts and Marie Roberts be invited to join the AVICC Executive Committee for the dinner on Thursday, April 16th prior to the convention was CARRIED

A quote from the band selected at the October 25th meeting has been received for \$5,500, and their selection was confirmed with President Jensen. The band's name is Time Well Wasted. The RD of Nanaimo staff advised they may be able to contribute to the additional cost of the band within their budget that was set aside for the convention.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that efforts were being made to get input from the host communities, and to ensure that they are well showcased. The host community staff liaisons will continue to be the contact point for the AVICC, and will be responsible for collecting and feeding information back to their organizations. They have been reminded that there is a clear distinction between hosting the convention and holding the convention, and that it is an AVICC event. The host responsibilities documents set out that AVICC seeks input from the host communities, but makes all the decisions on convention content and materials. These documents were sent to the host communities for their review and endorsement prior to their approval of hosting. Their agreement to host under these terms was done by resolution of the Council and the Board of the respective host communities.

AVICC will continue its practice of supporting local businesses as much as possible including wine, beer and "Island Good" food at the conference centre. These local purchases come at an additional cost. Speaker gifts will be from St. Jean's cannery. The cannery was purchased in 2016 by Nuuchahnulth Seafood Development Corporation and uses wild seafood in its products.

The report provided background on child care at the UBCM convention, and child care options that the Coast Bastion Hotel provides to its guests. President Jensen and EA Representative Craig will review further.

AVICC sponsor COFI has offered to provide an additional reception at the 2020 Convention following the Friday night Welcome Reception. The Executive would like to see more presence from COFI at the reception such as a speech from the COFI representative.

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by EA Representative Craig,
THAT approval be given to COFI to hold a reception at the AVICC Convention that is clearly identified as separate from the AVICC Welcome Reception was CARRIED

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by Past President Grieve,
THAT the update report on 2020 Convention planning be received was CARRIED

2020 Convention Session Proposals

Liz Cookson reviewed the report in the meeting package outlining the number and timing of sessions for the convention program. She reviewed the process followed in seeking proposal submissions and noted that a summary of submissions was included in the report, and the full submissions were attached as an appendix.

The review at today's teleconference is a preliminary one to help draft the program for the 2020 Convention, and to determine if additional information is required before the January 4th in-person meeting in Nanaimo. Final decisions are normally made at the January meeting of the Executive Committee. The report outlined considerations that the Executive may wish to incorporate when choosing from the proposed sessions including representation of the host communities; relevance of sponsor proposals; representation of a variety of viewpoints from larger and smaller communities; and whether a change of presenter would affect whether or not the session would be selected.

President Jensen noted that he had previously sent out an email asking each Executive member to identify their top 4 or 5 sessions for 2020. He proposed that rather than going through each proposal as a group and rating each one that members identify their top sessions. The Executive members supported this change in the review process. The top sessions identified were:

EA Representative Craig:

- Proposal #4: UBCM Presentation and Information Gathering on UBCM Resolution B176, Resolutions Process Review to be run by UBCM representatives
- Proposal #5: Panel on Addressing Homelessness involving City of Nanaimo, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, BC Housing
- Proposal #12: Women in Leadership Project involving Councillor Erin Hemmens, City of Nanaimo and FCM grant
- Proposals #21: Collaboration and Reconciliation between First Nations and Local Governments and #28 by Young Anderson combined with Celebrating Hul'q'umi'num Language Through Creative Initiatives presented by the City of Nanaimo and Planning Design Development Nanaimo
- Proposal #32: Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – Climate Leadership Plan Update from the VICC Leadership Plan Steering Committee

Past President Grieve:

- Proposals #17: Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.'s forest products industry from COFI and #35 combined with Forestry Isn't Working – A Case of Regionalization and pilot Project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC with the Jim Green Foundation

1st Vice President Morrison:

- Proposal #17: Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.'s forest products industry from COFI
- Proposal #22: Local Governments on the Forefront of Climate Change from Young Anderson
- Proposal #23: Open and Closed Meetings from Young Anderson
- Proposal #27: Towards Zero-waste and the Circular Economy: Solid Waste Solutions
- Proposal #35: Forestry Isn't Working – A Case of Regionalization and pilot Project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC with the Jim Green Foundation
- Proposal #39: Importance of Libraries in Communities with VIRL and GVPL, potentially VIU

2nd Vice President Cote:

- Proposals #20: Creating One Planet Communities and a One Planet Island with Dr. Hancock, Mayor Haynes and #32 and Bruce Williams combined with Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – Climate Leadership Plan Update from the VICC Leadership Plan Steering Committee
- Proposals #19: ReThinking Aging – 10 things local governments can do to make their community a place and #25 where older adults can thrive presented by the United Way combined with Making it Happen – Tactical Urbanism Interventions in Nanaimo presented by the City of Nanaimo (to improve local neighbourhoods and gathering places)
- Proposal #39: Importance of Libraries in Communities with VIRL and GVPL, potentially VIU
- Proposal #3: Positively engaging youth in your community through entrepreneurship and innovation presented by Joanna Buczkowska-McCumber
- Additional: Session on aquaculture involving ACRD

Director Evans:

- Proposal #4: UBCM Presentation and Information Gathering on UBCM Resolution B176, Resolutions Process Review to be run by UBCM representatives

- Proposal #5: Panel on Addressing Homelessness involving City of Nanaimo, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, BC Housing
- Proposals #17: Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.'s forest products industry from COFI and #35 combined with Forestry Isn't Working – A Case of Regionalization and pilot Project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC with the Jim Green Foundation
- Proposal #3: Positively engaging youth in your community through entrepreneurship and innovation presented by Joanna Buczkowska-McCumber
- Proposal #39: Importance of Libraries in Communities with VIRL and GVPL, potentially VIU

Director Braithwaite:

- Proposal #5: Panel on Addressing Homelessness involving City of Nanaimo, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, BC Housing
- Proposals #13: Public Engagement and How to Run a Meeting Session – How to Handle Complaints from #23 and #26 the Public combined with Open and Closed Meetings by Young Anderson combined with How Well-Defined Public Engagement Can Help You by staff from 3 regional districts
- Proposal #12: Women in Leadership Project involving Councillor Erin Hemmens, City of Nanaimo and FCM grant
- Proposal #14: Heritage conservation: Tips, Tools and Templates for Successful Implementation by Heritage BC and a planner from the City of Nanaimo
- Proposal #15: Sustainability and Unsustainability on Vancouver Island – Coming to Terms with Living on an Island by Professor Rick Kool and Mayor Haynes, District of Saanich
- Proposal #19: ReThinking Aging – 10 things local governments can do to make their community a place where older adults can thrive presented by the United Way

Director Solda:

- Proposal #5: Panel on Addressing Homelessness involving City of Nanaimo, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, BC Housing
- Additional: LGLA type session related to Privacy Act and Conflict of Interest
- Proposal #17: Smart Future: A path forward for B.C.'s forest products industry from COFI
- Proposal #19: ReThinking Aging – 10 things local governments can do to make their community a place where older adults can thrive presented by the United Way
- Additional: How to Fund Aging Infrastructure
- Proposal #35: Forestry Isn't Working – A Case of Regionalization and pilot Project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC with the Jim Green Foundation

President Jensen:

- Proposal #19: ReThinking Aging – 10 things local governments can do to make their community a place where older adults can thrive presented by the United Way
- Proposal #35: Forestry Isn't Working – A Case of Regionalization and pilot Project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC with the Jim Green Foundation
- Proposal #32: Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – Climate Leadership Plan Update from the VICC Leadership Plan Steering Committee
- Proposal #39: Importance of Libraries in Communities with VIRL and GVPL, potentially VIU

President Jensen some common themes had emerged, and that the next step was to incorporate these into a proposed program for the January meeting.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Cote, seconded by Director Evans, THAT the report on convention program planning be received, and that staff bring a proposed program to the January meeting incorporating the Executive Committee's feedback on priorities and scheduling, and

THAT Executive refer consideration of a process for dealing with resolutions that are not considered due to a lack of time to the January meeting was CARRIED

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolutions Referred from UBCM

The Executive Committee reviewed the five resolutions that were placed in the UBCM resolution “C” block and therefore not admitted for debate. These resolutions were deemed regional in nature and were referred to the AVICC Executive for consideration. The Executive reviewed each resolution and determined a course of action for each.

C54 – Vancouver Island Master Plan from RD of Nanaimo

Staff have been advised that the RDN will be sending a request for AVICC to establish a committee on this matter. The Executive will wait to hear from the RDN before reconsidering this resolution at the January 4th meeting.

C55 – Revitalizing Island Rail from Victoria

On motion by EA Representative Craig, seconded by Director Solda,
THAT President Jensen write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Minister of Finance advising of AVICC member support for the Province to provide funding for the corridor was CARRIED

C58 – Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery from Comox Valley RD

On motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by Director Solda,
THAT President Jensen re-send the original July letter to the former DFO Minister to the new DFO Minister along with a second letter to the new Minister including updated information from K’omoks on reduced herring numbers was CARRIED

C59 – AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management from AVICC Executive

Liz Cookson provided an update on meetings being held with staff to develop a work plan for the Special Committee based on the direction endorsed by AVICC members.

C61 – Health Canada Transfers from Qualicum Beach

Past President Grieve suggested that this resolution be sent to FCM for advocacy.

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by Past President Grieve,
THAT AVICC encourage the sponsor member, Qualicum Beach, to take the resolution forward to FCM for advocacy was CARRIED

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by 2nd Vice President Cote,

THAT the report on Resolutions Sent Back from UBCM be received was CARRIED

MOU Policy – BC Seafood Alliance

On motion by 1st Vice President Morrison, seconded by Director Braithwaite,
THAT recognizing the time the consideration of a MOU Policy and a MOU with the BC Seafood Alliance be deferred to the January 4th 2020 Executive meeting was CARRIED

Correspondence was not received and will be referred to the January 4th 2020 Executive Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:10 pm, on motion by Past President Grieve, seconded by Director Solda,
that the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

Councillor Carl Jensen
President

Liz Cookson
Secretary-Treasurer