

**Association of  
Vancouver Island and  
Coastal Communities**



# **MINUTES OF THE 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Powell River, BC  
April 12 - 14, 2019**

## **2018-19 AVICC EXECUTIVE**

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### **PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Friday morning pre-convention program began at 9:00 am with two workshops:

- Heritage Guidelines & Townsite District Tour
- The Blanket Exercise

There were two additional sessions at noon:

- Mayors, RD Chairs and RHD Chairs Forum
- New Members Orientation Session

### **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION – FRIDAY, 2:00 PM**

The Convention opened with the AVICC Executive and honoured guests (Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; President Arjun Singh, UBCM; Hegus Clint Williams, Tla'amin Nation; Chair Patrick Brabazon, qathet Regional District; Acting Mayor Rob Southcott, City of Powell River; and Honoured Elder Eugene Louie, Tla'amin Nation) piped onto the stage flanked by representatives from the RCMP and the City of Powell River Fire Department.

President Edwin Grieve called the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to order at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 12, 2019.

After the assembly sang O Canada, President Grieve introduced Honoured Elder Louie from the Tla'amin Nation who offered a blessing to AVICC members. President Grieve then introduced the AVICC Executive Committee members who were all in attendance.

President Grieve thanked Minister Robinson and UBCM President Singh for participating in the Convention, and also noted the UBCM Executive representatives from the AVICC region in attendance: Mayor Maja Tait from the District of Sooke and Councillor Claire Moglove from the City of Campbell River.

President Grieve thanked the City of Powell River and the qathet Regional District for acting as generous joint host communities. He introduced Acting Mayor Southcott and Chair Brabazon who welcomed delegates to Powell River. President Grieve introduced Hegus Williams and thanked him for attending the Mayors and Chairs Forum. Hegus Williams welcomed delegates to the traditional territory of the Tla'amin Nation.

President Grieve noted the MLAs and MPs who were registered for the Convention, and also thanked the following AVICC Life Members for attending:

- Christopher Causton, president from 2009-2011 from Oak Bay, and
- Rod Sherrell, president from 2007-2008 from Port McNeill (current Director of Area D from the Regional District of Mount Waddington).

President Grieve then drew delegates' attention to the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* they received at registration on-site that contained the final program and information about sessions, election times, materials for the AGM and resolutions. He reminded delegates they would need their voting cards for the elections and the resolutions sessions.

Finally President Grieve recognized the importance of the convention sponsors, and advised of the trade show timing and location.

### **FIRST REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

President Grieve invited Past President Mary Marcotte, Chair of the Nominating Committee to present the first report from the Nominating Committee. Past President Marcotte referred to the Nominating Committee Report included in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* that set out nominations received in advance of the February 7, 2019 deadline as follows:

For President:	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
For First Vice-President:	Chair Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
For Director at Large:	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay
	Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River
	Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis
	Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni
For Electoral Area Representative:	Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District

Delegates were directed to the Convention program for times of nominations and elections.

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

At 2:30 pm Director Braithwaite introduced Mark Collins, President and CEO of BC Ferries, who spoke on the role of BC Ferries in Coastal Communities. Mr. Collins' presentation was followed by a Q&A session. Director Braithwaite thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation.

The Convention adjourned at 3:30 pm for a refreshment break and reconvened at 3:50 pm

### **SECOND REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR TABLE OFFICERS**

At 3:50 pm Past President Marcotte, Chair of the Nominating Committee called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Table Officers in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Table Officers were:

For President:	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
For First Vice-President:	Chair Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Past President Marcotte declared the positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President elected by acclamation.

### **MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, ADDRESS TO DELEGATES**

President Grieve introduced the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Minister addressed the delegates and introduced the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC.

### **PREMIER JOHN HORGAN, ADDRESS TO DELEGATES**

The Premier addressed the delegates on issues relevant to local governments in the AVICC region. President Grieve thanked Premier Horgan and Minister Robinson for attending the Convention noting it is important for the Province to work with local governments as we are all working for the same people – the residents of BC.

### **ISLAND HEALTH UPDATE**

Leah Hollins, Island Health Board Member, gave an update to delegates on the work of Island Health.

## **BUILDING UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE FOR BC TOGETHER**

Michelle Kirby, Manager, Partnerships and Engagement, Childcare BC presented on the opportunities open to local governments to connect with provincial resources and supports to build child care in their communities.

## **END OF DAY WRAP-UP**

President Grieve introduced Shaye Draper from Telus who spoke for a few minutes about the work of Telus in the AVICC region, and presented a door prize provided by Telus. President Grieve wrapped up the business of the day noting the welcome reception would be held in the trade show area, and the timing for Saturday morning's program including the Annual Meeting followed by an address from the UBCM President and the first Resolutions Session.

## **WELCOME RECEPTION**

The Welcome Reception sponsored by Vancouver Island University was held in the foyer in the trade show area. VIU President Dr. Ralph Nilson addressed the delegates.

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

## **LET'S TALK TRASH**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Morrison introduced the qathet Regional District's "Let's Talk Trash" Team. Abby McLennan and Tai Uhlmann presented on the work of the team including shoreline clean-ups and zero waste events,

The Convention re-convened at 8:30 am with President Grieve welcoming delegates back.

## **ADDRESS BY UBCM PRESIDENT ARJUN SINGH**

President Grieve introduced UBCM President Arjun Singh who addressed the delegates on the policy initiatives and work being carried out by the UBCM.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At 8:55 am, President Grieve called the 2019 Annual General Meeting to order. He referred to the President's Report in the Annual Report and referenced the main activities of the AVICC Executive over the last term.

The report outlines changes to resolutions procedures following the 2018 convention including new procedures for "late resolutions" and "off the floor" resolutions. The new rules are in keeping with UBCM procedures. Resolutions supporting existing UBCM policy are still grouped together and moved as a "Block" but the threshold to remove a resolution from "the Block" now only requires a simple 50+1% majority to be debated separately. Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution. The President's Report is attached as Appendix A to the minutes.

President Grieve also noted the new Code of Conduct implemented for the 2019 Convention and included on the registration form and in the Convention Program (Appendix C), and that Gold Start Resolution Awards were reinstated for 2019. He proceeded to the business of the AGM.

## **ADOPTION OF CONVENTION RULES AND PROCEDURES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Convention Rules and Procedures as printed in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package* were adopted.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities held in the City of Victoria, April 13-15, 2018, as electronically posted and distributed, were adopted.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the *Annual Report* was adopted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Grieve presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for the year ending December 31, 2018 (Appendix B). On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were received.

## **2019 BUDGET**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the 2019 budget was received.

## **FIRST RESOLUTIONS SESSION**

The first Resolutions session began at 9:05 am with President Grieve drawing delegates' attention to the convention rules and procedures for handling resolutions as printed in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Package*. President Grieve reviewed the rules for the order of business, the resolutions process and the timing of the three sessions. The consideration of resolutions commenced with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jensen in the Chair with Director Braithwaite, EA Representative Craig and Director Plant.

## **PART ER - EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

### **ER1) AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management**

### **AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention on this mandated service;

AND WHEREAS the Special Committee reported out to the AVICC membership at the 2016, 2017 and 2018 conventions, the membership endorsed the action plans and further directed the Special Committee to report back to the 2019 convention with outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the Special Committee's vision and goals as:

#### **Vision:**

That local governments on Vancouver Island, qathet and the Sunshine Coast are working together to address the opportunities and challenges of managing solid waste and our residents are aware of; support the need to reduce and manage our waste in a sustainable manner; and to work toward achieving zero-waste in our communities.

#### **Goals:**

1. Ensure information is shared between AVICC local governments to encourage best practices and common solutions in solid waste management and consistent messaging to our residents.
2. Collect and maintain appropriate and consistent data associated with solid waste management within the AVICC.
3. Support an informed and unified voice to assist efforts with the Province, NGOs and other partners in developing effective waste management solutions and policies.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the continuation of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management with areas of work focused on: Organics Management, Long-Term Disposal Options, and Single-Use Plastics;

AND FINALLY THAT regional district staff continue to discuss opportunities for collaboration and alignment related to those areas of work in the following areas:

1. Communication and Outreach
2. Mandatory Source Separation
3. Solid Waste Comparative Data
4. Disposal Bans
5. Varying Tipping Fees
6. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and
7. Solid Waste Advanced Technologies

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

## **PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were referred to the Association by UBCM following the 2018 UBCM Annual Convention.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **RR1) BC-Wide 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 Target (LR7)**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to adopt a province-wide target to meet all energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN***

#### **RR2) Support Local Governments to Plan for 100% Renewable Energy (LR8)**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to provide adequate resources and support to local governments to plan for, and implement, a target of using 100% renewable energy by 2050, or an equivalent GHG reduction target.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN***

#### **RR3) Transparent Criteria for “Green” Infrastructure Spending (LR9)**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to implement transparent, objective and prioritized criteria for infrastructure spending that is allocated for climate action.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN***



**RR4) BC-Wide Energy Upgrade for Buildings (LR10)****Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province to commit to achieving a general upgrade to the energy performance of BC's existing building stock to be compatible with BC's and local governments' climate action commitments, including economic measures to encourage building owners to do building upgrades.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN*****RR5) Integrated Transportation Planning for Climate Action (LR11)****Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS all levels of government and society must be mobilized and coordinated to address the challenge of climate change;

AND WHEREAS Esquimalt is a leader among BC communities in the adoption of sustainable practices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Province, in consultation with local governments, to implement integrated planning for all modes of transportation that is consistent with BC's legislated greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and climate action goals.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN*****TAXATION****RR6) Modernization of Utility Taxation (LR6)****District of Ucluelet**

WHEREAS Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act is intended to define the requirements of a 1 per cent annual tax on utilities carrying on business in a municipality;

AND WHEREAS utility company services have expanded beyond electrical light, electric power, telephone, water, gas or television services to include Internet and cellular services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province initiates the modernization of Section 644(2) of the Local Government Act to include internet and cellular services.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED*****PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2019 resolutions deadline.

**Part 2 - Section "A"** – This section contains resolutions regarding new issues that were debated individually.

**ELECTIONS****R1) Allow Permanent Residents to Vote in Municipal Elections****City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights — including seven jurisdictions in the U.S. and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Victoria and other municipalities and regional districts.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R2) Youth Voting in Local Government Elections**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS youth have a strong interest in the future of local communities;

AND WHEREAS empowering young people to participate in democratic processes fosters ongoing and active civic participation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia revise the voting age for local government elections to 16 years of age.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**TRANSPORTATION**

**R3) Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan**

**Nanaimo RD**

WHEREAS a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan would outline Inter-Regional necessary improvement to the Island transportation network;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has the ultimate responsibility for transportation planning on Vancouver Island:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia prepare a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R4) Traffic Calming**

**Nanaimo RD**

WHEREAS regional district efforts to build more complete, compact communities within electoral areas have increased pedestrians and cyclists on roads in areas designated for growth;

AND WHEREAS the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on roads in rural areas designated for growth would be enhanced with traffic calming measures designed to reduce vehicle speeds and prioritize non-motorized traffic:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure develop new criteria and standards for traffic calming in areas designated for growth in Electoral Areas.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R5) Traffic Control and Enforcement on Rural Roads**

**Nanaimo RD**

WHEREAS the Province and the RCMP have limited resources to regulate and enforce traffic regulations on Provincial roads in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the lack of visible presence and consistent enforcement of traffic regulations by the RCMP results in unchecked speeding, reckless driving, illegal parking and other unsafe conditions on rural roads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia increase resources for regulation and enforcement of traffic regulations on rural roads.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R6) Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Framework**

**Village of Sayward,  
Village of Tahsis**

WHEREAS the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act was intended to create safe and more convenient incidental access to public roads and highways to better connect BC's rural communities and support a first-rate ORV trail network, and to allow local governments to expand their trail networks to take advantage of economic development opportunities by way of tourism;

AND WHEREAS the current administrative process to obtain Operation Permits as permitted under the ORV Act is onerous and not conducive to convenient incidental access to trail networks connecting multiple communities as a separate operation permit must be obtained from each jurisdiction:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes to legislation are made:

- Only one (1) Operation Permit required for approved access to multiple jurisdictions and/or communities along a connecting designated ORV route and trail network issued in any of the jurisdictions or communities along the route.
- Operation Permits can be issued by any local RCMP or local government along a designated route.
- Operation Permit term extended from 2 years to 5 years to align with the driver's licence term.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R7) Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC Transit**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG, some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit;

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia and BC Transit take immediate actions to support and provide funding for transformational improvements to regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning the BC Transit fleet to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible.

**Amended to remove items 1 through 7.**

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

Following a refreshment break, the meeting reconvened at 10:20 with a presentation from BC Hydro.

**BC HYDRO EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Ted Olynyk, Manager, Community Relations for Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast presented on BC Hydro's response to the extremely destructive 2018 windstorms that caused extensive power outages in many AVICC areas.

The second Resolutions Session resumed at 10:30 am with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Morrison as Chair, with Director Cote, President Grieve and EA Representative Craig.

#### **R8) Revitalizing Island Rail**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS one of the conditions of the original Order-in-Council establishing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) now Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) railway corridor is that if the corridor is no longer needed or used for railway purposes, it goes back to the original owner and assembling a similar multi-modal corridor connecting the Alberni Inlet to the Comox Valley to Greater Victoria in the context of current land values and land uses would be impossible to replicate;

AND WHEREAS repair of the railway infrastructure can only reasonably be accomplished by way of capital investment from senior levels of government, in co-operation with First Nations and local governments and respecting first nations interests, rail transport and a parallel trail system are integral sustainable transportation options for Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in the context of climate change, including the option of electrified rail for the sustainable movement of people and goods on the island:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia take immediate actions to provide sufficient funding in a timely manner to restore the railway infrastructure of Vancouver Island and ensure that the corridor remains intact and available to future generations of Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **TAXATION**

#### **R9) Property Taxation**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS Section 193 of the *Community Charter* restricts a municipality from imposing fees or taxes except as expressly authorized under the *Community Charter* or another Act;

AND WHEREAS urban sprawl creates higher infrastructure costs, transportation costs, and other expenses borne by society;

AND WHEREAS municipalities attempt to control urban sprawl whilst encouraging healthier lifestyles and alternative modes of transportation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the *Community Charter* to allow municipalities to adjust their property tax rates by setting density brackets in their jurisdiction, to use at their discretion, as an incentive to reduce urban sprawl and as a method of assigning infrastructure and maintenance costs more accurately amongst end users.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **FINANCE**

#### **R10) Improvement District Governance Policy**

**Nanaimo RD**

WHEREAS many improvement districts are wrestling with increased costs for replacing and improving water infrastructure, and in finding adequate sources of funding;

AND WHEREAS the residents of improvement districts contribute tax monies to the provincial and federal governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work with the Province and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to change the Improvement District Governance Policy to allow citizens residing in improvement districts equal access to provincial and federal infrastructure grant monies.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R11) Revenue Sharing**

**District of Port Hardy**

WHEREAS small rural communities in British Columbia are surrounded by lands within Regional Districts governed by the Provincial Government that collect revenue from industry for resource extraction from the lands;

AND WHEREAS the communities adjoining these lands provide services including parks, recreation and roads for the companies and employees and gain no apportionment of the revenue collected for providing these services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities lobby the Province of British Columbia to consider revenue sharing of royalties and taxes with municipalities that provide services to those industries benefitting from the services of the adjoining municipalities.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R12) Indoor Agricultural Fertilization Practices**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS water sustainability, healthy watersheds and ground water are of vital importance and, commercial fertilizers can be damaging to groundwater and influence water quality in watersheds;

AND WHEREAS the use of fertilizers in greenhouses and indoor structures creates effluent that contains concentrated commercial fertilizers which, if released untreated can be damaging to groundwater and the overall watershed:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request that the provincial government explore including in the BC Agricultural Best Practices, the requirement for closed loop greenhouse irrigation systems in commercial greenhouse and indoor agricultural structures, to prevent commercial fertilizers from being emitted into the environment.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R13) Key Marine Cumulative Effects Values**

**Islands Trust**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has adopted the use of a cumulative effects framework to help identify and manage cumulative effects across the natural resource sector;

AND WHEREAS the cumulative effects framework allows for the inclusion of marine values but the Province has not yet approved any marine values for cumulative effects assessment to inform decision making in coastal regions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to prioritize the approval of key marine cumulative effects values for long-term monitoring and cumulative effects assessments in coastal regions.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R14) Recreational Boating Access Infrastructure**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS recreational boating is part of the fabric of many BC communities, contributes to the quality of life and is an important economic and recreational activity;

AND WHEREAS there is an ongoing decline in boating access infrastructure, and marinas and public boat launches are being removed to make way for development and community amenities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM's coastal, riverfront and lakeshore member communities incorporate existing boating access infrastructure into community planning and identify areas in which there may be potential to add boating infrastructure to their longer-term community plans.

***ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED***

#### **R15) Groundwater Extraction**

**Strathcona RD**

WHEREAS water is an essential resource upon which all life, including all ecosystems and all local communities depend;

AND WHEREAS water is a public heritage and a public trust for present and future generations and access to water must not be compromised by commercial operations relating to commercial water bottling or commercial bulk water exports:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development be requested to immediately cease the licensing and extraction of groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or bulk water exports from aquifers.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **R16) Climate Emergency Declaration**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

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 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 communities in their ability to adapt and manage ongoing change.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

The Second Resolution Session was then adjourned at approximately 11:30 am

#### **THIRD REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

President Grieve called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Director at Large in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Director at Large were:

Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay  
Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River  
Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis  
Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni

President Grieve declared there would be an election for the position of Director at Large, and announced the time and location of the polling station. Each nominee spoke for two minutes.

#### **JUNK TO JOULES**

Director Plant introduced Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities, Fortis BC; Liz Farris, Corporate Climate Action Analyst, Capital Regional District; and Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland. The panel presented on Renewable Natural Gas as a carbon neutral energy option with a benefit to economic development plans.

The Convention adjourned for lunch with performances by Maestro Arthur Arnold, Music Director of the Moscow Symphony Orchestra and Cellist, and Edward (Sungpil) Kim, Pianist.

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Concurrent workshops were held between 1:30-4:00 pm.

- #1 Provincial Active Transportation Strategy
- #2 Revitalization of the ALC and ALR
- #3 Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment
- #4 Let's Talk Rail – Island Corridor Foundation
- #5 Getting the Greatest Value for Your Tax Dollars with the CCSPI
- #6 Electoral Area Directors' Forum

### **ANNUAL BANQUET**

The Annual Banquet was held at Dwight Hall in the Historic Townsite District.

Shortly before 7:30 pm, delegates and guests took their seats. The Piper led the parade of AVICC Executive Committee members into the banquet where delegates and guests were gathered. President Grieve welcomed delegates and guests, and thanked the host community and the sponsors for the evening.

At the banquet President Grieve presented Past President Marcotte with Life Membership in the AVICC.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019**

The Convention reconvened at 8:30 am with President Grieve noting that evaluation forms had been placed on the tables asking for delegates' feedback on the Convention and that the completed evaluation forms would be used for the Grand Prize Award draw just prior to adjournment.

### **FOURTH REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE**

President Grieve called for nominations from the floor for the position of Electoral Area Representative. Nominated at the close of nominations for Electoral Area Representative was:

Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District

At the conclusion of nominations, President Grieve declared the position of Electoral Area Representative was elected by acclamation.

### **ADDRESS BY ANDREW WEAVER, LEADER OF THE BC GREEN PARTY**

President Grieve introduced Andrew Weaver, Leader of the BC Green Party and MLA for Oak Bay – Gordon Head who addressed the delegates. President Grieve thanked Dr. Weaver for coming to the Convention to present.

### **CARBON FOOTPRINT SURVIVOR CHALLENGE**

Mayor Ken Williams from the District of Highlands presented the challenge that the District was making to local governments in AVICC to reduce their carbon footprint.

## **WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS - AQUACULTURE**

EA Representative Craig introduced Brenda McCorquodale, Manager, Aquaculture Resource Management with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans gave an overview of the role of the DFO. She reviewed how the DFO's role intersects with the roles and interests of local governments in BC. Mayor Josie Osborne from the District of Tofino updated AVICC members on the work of the DFO's Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group. Mayor Osborne is the AVICC Executive's representative on the Group. Director Daniel Arbour of the Comox Valley Regional District gave an update on the DFO's Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (Shellfish) in his role as AVICC appointee to the Committee.

### **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF BC**

Director Penny Cote spoke as a Board Member of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. She gave an overview on the history and role of the MIA and how it has assisted local governments in BC.

Following a refreshment break, Wood WORKS! BC presented Community Recognition Awards to the Village of Sayward and to the City of Campbell River.

### **MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Chair Patrick Brabazon, qathet Regional District spoke as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Municipal Finance Authority. He gave an overview on the role of the MFA and how it has assisted local governments in BC with financing.

### **FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS SESSION**

Resolutions resumed at 10:25 am with President Grieve in the Chair with Director Cote, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jensen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Morrison.

#### **R17) Recovering Municipal Costs Arising from Climate Change**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS local governments are incurring substantial costs in relation to the impacts of climate change, including volatile weather patterns, drought, wildfires, erosion and other impacts;

AND WHEREAS it is fiscally prudent to recover these costs from corporations that have profited from the burning of fossil fuels, with knowledge that these economic activities contribute to climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM explore the initiation of a class action lawsuit on behalf of member local governments to recover costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuels corporations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider legislation to support local governments in recovering costs arising from climate change from major fossil fuel corporations.

***ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED***

#### **R18) Cave Protection Act**

**Village of Tahsis**

WHEREAS caves are uncommon and unique environments that can harbour rare and threatened species, unique mineralogy and sediments, First Nation heritage values; and are non-renewable, site-specific landscape features with natural, cultural, spiritual, aesthetic and scientific value;

AND WHEREAS caves are sensitive ecosystems that can underlie developed landscapes and as such are vulnerable to pollution, destruction by quarrying, vandalism, mismanagement, species extinction and general degradation caused by human activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government should pass a Cave Protection Act in order to conserve caves, in perpetuity.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **R19) Shifting Investment to Low-Emission Transportation**

**City of Victoria**



WHEREAS the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of BC and most provinces signed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in 2016, endorsing a policy shift that could substantially reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution from transportation while funding public transit improvements, including inter-city and commuter bus and rail service;

AND WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG pollution in Canada, representing 23% of total emissions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to fully implement their commitment in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, to shift investments “from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation”.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **R20) Promoting and Enabling GHG Reductions**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the world’s leading climate scientists have warned that we have less than 12 years to meet our climate targets, and early action is required to avoid significant costs and impacts to social and environmental well-being in our communities, and worldwide, local governments are uniquely positioned to enable this mobilisation effort, in a coordinated and integrated fashion across sectors, enabling individual action with timely and accurate information, incentives, directions, coordination, tools, targets and scalable, impactful programs;

AND WHEREAS local governments GHG reduction plans will be effectively and expeditiously realised through a dedicated focus on cutting the most impactful GHG sources, including: retrofitting existing buildings to high-efficiency standards; renewable electricity; elimination of fossil fuel heating sources; shifting people to transit, active transportation, and renewably powered mobility options; and the electrification of commercial and passenger vehicle fleets, the complexity and pace/progress of GHG reductions in both local governments and community require additional resources and planning to reduce risks of missing interim and longer GHG and renewable energy targets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to pursue the following immediate sector actions to promote and enable GHG reductions and realize important social and economic co-benefits:

1. Make available all ICBC municipal vehicle km/make/model/fuel economy information.
2. Continue the development and implementation of world-class low carbon fuel standards.
3. Fully invest in delivery of the zero-emission vehicles sales targets as established in the CleanBC Plan.
4. Continue progressive and direct funding programs and partnerships for municipal low-carbon initiatives, including building retrofit, transportation, waste management and other priority and shared GHG reduction programs.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **LAND USE**

### **R21) Cannabis and Farm Use Activities**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act states "farm use" means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) has differentiated the lawful production of cannabis from other “farm use” by limiting the structures for production, and narrowing the definition of ‘necessary’ activities under section 2(3), unlike any other crop in British Columbia:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation so that the lawful production of cannabis aligns with the growing structures and site development measures available for all other crops. More specifically, placing limits on the unique concrete structure growing method initially targeted for regulation to all crops. Thus enabling cannabis, when grown as any other crop, to be deemed a “farm use”, as defined in the Agricultural Land Commission Act and a “farm operation” under the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act. Circumscribing cannabis production in structures that are lawful by regulation for all other crops, may not withstand judicial review.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN***

**R22) Cannabis Plants on the Agricultural Land Reserve**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act states "farm use" means an occupation or use of land for farm purposes, including farming of land, plants and animals and any other similar activity designated as farm use by regulation, and includes a farm operation as defined in the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) has differentiated the lawful production of cannabis from other “farm use” by limiting the structures for production, and narrowing the definition of ‘necessary’ activities under section 2(3), unlike any other crop in British Columbia:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation in order to clarify the interpretation of section 2(2.5) of the ALR Regulation regarding the lawful production of cannabis “inside a structure (a) that has a base consisting entirely of soil”, and clarify that when producing cannabis in a greenhouse, it has the same meaning as “Greenhouse” under section 2(o)(i) of the Regulation. Circumscribing cannabis production in structures that are lawful by regulation for all other crops, may not withstand judicial review.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation section 2(2.5) to resemble something like the following:

- (2.5) The lawful production of cannabis is designated as farm use for the purposes of the Act if produced outdoors in a field or inside a structure
- (a) which has a base consisting entirely of soil, and
    - (i) that is moveable in nature; or
    - (ii) on a helical pile foundation; or
    - (iii) whose base does not create irreversible damage to the soil.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R23) Low Impact Foundation Systems for Farm Use Structures**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the structural use of concrete as a foundation system and associated fill is known to cause irreparable damage to soil biology and render a site unfit for soil-based crops in the future, and low-impact, low carbon, removable foundation technologies are available as a new standard for agricultural structure foundations;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) regulate “farm use” structures on the agricultural land reserve (ALR) and the deposit of fill is considered a farm use for all activities under sections 2(1) to (2.2), and does not require notification to the ALR except under limited circumstances, and the National Farm Building Code applies to all agricultural “farm use” structures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to encourage the use of low carbon, low impact, cement-free foundation technologies for farm use structures and buildings within the ALR, thereby reducing the deposition of fill material and elimination of arable soil capability in the long term.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R24) Retrofitting of Structures to Reduce Impact of New Construction**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the ALR Regulation) Section 2(2.5)(b) has limited cannabis production to existing structures which were previously utilized for crop production, or were under continuous production prior to the regulatory change, eliminating the ability to convert non-crop or other structures within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);

AND WHEREAS the Cannabis Act and Regulations require “good production practices” that create hygienic conditions for the cultivation and production of cannabis, and existing structures are available for federally compliant conversion, which would strengthen municipal 2018 BC Building Code oversight, reduce the pressure for new construction, and facilitate contribution to the local and BC Economy:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC request the provincial government to amend the ALR Regulation to allow for the retrofitting of existing non-residential structures on the ALR for cannabis production.

***ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED***

**HEALTH**

**R25) Canada Health Transfers**

**Town of Qualicum Beach**

WHEREAS seniors account for 47% of Canada’s healthcare spending while comprising 17% of our country’s population;

WHEREAS the next decade is set to see a 93-billion-dollar increase in healthcare spending in Canada as a result of our aging population;

WHEREAS mid-island communities can expect per capita increases in healthcare costs owing to demographics in roughly the following amounts: Qualicum Beach: 77%, Parksville: 53%, Courtenay: 19%, Nanaimo: 12.5%, and Campbell River: 7%;

WHEREAS seniors comprise 52.1% of the population of Qualicum Beach and 23.3% of the population for Vancouver Island and the Coast;

WHEREAS demographic data was removed as a consideration for determining health transfer payment amounts by the federal government in 2012 and is presently not factored into health transfers, despite the fact there is a 444% variance in per capita healthcare spending on seniors relative to the rest of the population:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC **lobby** the provincial and federal ministries of health to have demographics included in determining each province’s funding through Canada Health Transfers.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R26) Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS It has been two years since B.C. declared a public-health emergency due to increased overdoses, yet the death toll for those consuming substances continues to rise due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply;

AND WHEREAS people with opioid use disorder, a chronic relapsing medical condition, are at high risk of overdose-related harms including death and an estimated 42,200 people inject toxic substances in British Columbia, it is not possible for the treatment system to rapidly increase services fast enough to manage this number of people as “patients” within a medical treatment model given the many challenges in achieving and

retaining the people on opioid use disorder treatment, people at risk of overdose in British Columbia do not have access to a safer alternative to the unpredictable, highly-toxic drug supply:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to save lives and reduce harm due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, that the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health ensure that people at risk of overdose harm have access to safer alternatives.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R27) Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS British Columbia is currently experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug supply, and smoking or inhalation is the second most common mode of consumption among all people who have died from a suspected illicit drug overdose and the most common mode of consumption among men and those between the ages of 15 and 29;

AND WHEREAS observed consumption services (i.e. supervised consumption services and overdose prevention services) are evidence-based harm reduction approaches shown to reduce overdose-related harm, and there is not adequate access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation where communities are facing crisis:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to ensure that people at risk of overdose across BC have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia **fund and** work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**R28) Canada Post's Neighbourhood Mail**

**District of Highlands**

WHEREAS Canada Post's Neighbourhood Mail (unaddressed bulk mail) was a cost effective program that allowed local governments and regional districts to mail notices to residents within their boundary;

AND WHEREAS changes to the program now see unaddressed bulk mail going to "precision targeted areas" that are no longer aligned with local government and regional district boundaries;

AND WHEREAS the changes result in properties outside of the local government receiving unaddressed bulk mail that are not relevant to them, and to higher costs for local governments and regional districts conducting these mail outs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM urge Canada Post to continue to allow neighbourhood mail (unaddressed bulk mail) to be delivered only to properties within the local government and regional district boundary.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R29) Review of Resolutions Procedures**

**City of Campbell River**

WHEREAS the volume of resolutions admitted for debate from each area association, various local governments and the UBCM Executive, is excessive and does not provide time for wholesome debate on the UBCM convention floor;

AND WHEREAS the vetting of resolutions is inadequate and leads to a lack of rational, structured arguments to present a compelling case for government to act:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM conduct a thorough audit and review of its resolutions procedures to ensure that the resolutions on the floor of the UBCM convention are reduced in number, repetition and are focused on priority use.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**Part 2 – Section “B” – This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:**

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with UBCM policy

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **R30) Statutory Advertising Regulations**

**District of Sooke**

WHEREAS many constituents are accessing community news and current events through daily and weekly online publications;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be free to advertise mandated notices additionally or exclusively in these daily and weekly online publications:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the definition of “Newspaper” in section 29 of the *Interpretation Act*, section 29, be amended to include online publications including similar criteria related to content and publication intervals to print newspapers.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **TAXATION**

### **R31) Funding of Fire Halls and Public Safety Buildings**

**Village of Cumberland**

WHEREAS community growth has direct impact on the provision of protective services and necessary infrastructure and apparatus, including fire halls and public safety buildings;

AND WHEREAS there are currently limited funding sources, other than property value taxes, to fund upgrades and expansion of fire halls and public safety buildings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AND the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia amend the Local Government Act to allow development cost charges to be used for expansion of fire protection infrastructure.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R32) Extension of Vacancy Taxation Authority to Local Governments**

**AVICC**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia responded to a housing affordability crisis in 2016 with legislation empowering the City of Vancouver to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties, resulting in \$38-million in revenues for that community in 2018 and creating a strong disincentive to leaving properties vacant;

AND WHEREAS communities across British Columbia face housing affordability pressures, while a portion of the housing supply in all communities remains vacant, including properties that have remained derelict for years or decades, and vacant and derelict buildings pose substantial risks in terms of public safety in communities, as well as liveability and desirability for nearby and adjoining neighbourhoods and properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia extend the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties to local governments across British Columbia, providing communities with the discretion to decide whether to introduce an additional tax to discourage vacant and derelict buildings, and encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **FINANCE**

### **R33) Development Cost Charges**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* currently restricts the imposition of Development Cost Charges to areas of sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and park land;

AND WHEREAS new development creates capital cost burdens on municipalities in other areas, such as emergency services, solid waste management, and recreational and cultural facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial government amend the *Local Government Act* to allow for the imposition of Development Cost Charges in areas other than sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and park land.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R34) Property Transfer Tax Redistribution for Affordable Housing**

**Comox Valley RD**

WHEREAS affordable housing for low-income citizens is in critical need and is currently severely challenged by current supply conditions and lack of adequate funding;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia collects approximately \$2 billion annually through the Property Transfer Tax:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to provide an annual redistribution of 1% of the Property Transfer Tax to local governments across the Province for the specific purpose of addressing affordable housing.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R35) Share of Liquor Tax for Policing**

**City of Courtenay**

WHEREAS the policing cost for the City of Courtenay is one of the most significant expenditures in the City's financial plan;

AND WHEREAS the availability of alcohol under the jurisdiction of the B.C. Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch can have significant implications on local policing costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to provide a portion of the British Columbia Liquor Tax to communities to be used towards policing costs.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R36) Isolation Allowance**

**District of Port Hardy**

WHEREAS it is challenging to attract and retain employees in isolated communities because of a lack of full services and the extra cost to obtain these services elsewhere;

AND WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments recognize this challenge by providing isolation allowance to their employees:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments provide a tax credit/deduction to all employees living in and around the same communities that those governments recognize with Isolation Allowance.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R37) Strong Fiscal Futures**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS the Province's response to the 2014 UBCM Strong Fiscal Futures resolution was limited to recognition of the need for more regular, structured dialogue between the Province and UBCM to better address shared duties to ensure the delivery of effective, responsive services to citizens;

AND WHEREAS local governments continue to face significant challenges in providing effective, sustainable services and infrastructure management under an outdated local government financial system and archaic revenue sources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province commit to pursuing the Strong Fiscal Futures report as a flexible blueprint for a diversified local government finance system that is both fairer and more sustainable.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R38) Agricultural Support Services**

**Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS agricultural extension services support government and community priorities around food security, economic development, climate change adaptation and water management; and

WHEREAS agricultural producers and stakeholders in each local government are subject to unique challenges and opportunities that are difficult to address in the long-term or in a consistent manner without predictable, non-project-based funding:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Agriculture provide funding to local governments through a stable, annual and accountable framework to establish strategic and long-term regional agricultural extension supports.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R39) Single-Use Disposable Products**

**City of Powell River**

WHEREAS single-use disposable products, whether they are recyclable or not, must be manufactured, handled and then disposed of which is not always done in the proper waste stream;

AND WHEREAS all petroleum plastic disposable products are derived from fossil fuels which increases carbon emissions in the atmosphere, and all plastic products created never “go away”;

AND WHEREAS the “compostable” or “biodegradable” disposable products are not accepted at all composting facilities and can contaminate the recycling stream by being confused with recyclable plastic products;

AND WHEREAS the costs (both known and unaccounted for) associated with these disposable “products of convenience”, should be borne by the manufacturers, the distributors and the retailers who are creating the products and then handing them out to consumers, would create an environment of responsibility and awareness by assigning an environmental handling fee to these products which is dispersed to local government responsible for financing solid waste and recycling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC/UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to engage with retailers, manufacturers and industry to implement an environmental fee for all single use plastic products and packaged goods, (including compostable and biodegradable) entering the British Columbia market place to incentivize reduction, to help subsidize regional solid waste management programs, and to take action towards creating a Provincial Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy as part of a Provincial Zero Waste Strategy.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **LAND USE**

### **R40) Development Permit Area Requirements**

**Islands Trust**

WHEREAS in 2003 and 2011 UBCM endorsed resolutions calling for legislative changes so local governments can issue municipal ticket information or bylaw violation notices for contraventions of the prohibition on altering land in designated development permit areas, or contrary to issued development permits, but these changes have not yet occurred;

AND WHEREAS in British Columbia, designation of development permit areas is the main legislative mechanism for addressing protection of riparian and environmentally sensitive area and for protecting development from hazardous conditions such as erosion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to improve the enforceability of development permit area requirements by enabling local governments to enforce violations by way of prosecution, ticket or bylaw notices.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R41) Regulation of Privately Managed Forest Lands**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS forest management practices on privately managed forest lands are primarily governed by the Private Managed Forests Lands Council with an objective to encourage forest management practices on private managed forest lands, only taking into account the social, environmental and economic benefits of those practices;

AND WHEREAS forest management practices on privately managed forest lands can negatively impact the quality and quantity of water and effect ecosystem resilience to the impacts of climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to undertake a comprehensive review of, and amendments to the Private Managed Forest Act and all relevant legislation to strengthen requirements of private managed forest land owners to prevent negative impacts to the quality, quantity and distribution of water in our watersheds.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***



**R42) Logging in the Urban Interface****Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS urban-rural fringe areas are transition zones where industrial land uses such as logging or other resource extraction, may conflict with local values or impact private water sources or contribute to property damage related to storm water management and erosion;

AND WHEREAS local government and private property owners have limited ability to influence resource extraction decisions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government establish buffer zones adjacent to residential properties that reduce conflict and ensure that property owners are protected from the adverse effects of resource extraction.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R43) Intergovernmental Collaboration on Land Use Planning****Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the inclusion of local governments in joint indigenous - provincial land use planning processes would offer an opportunity for intergovernmental collaboration and open communication that supports relationship-building and government-to-government reconciliation efforts with First Nations;

AND WHEREAS local governments who are responsible for undertaking planning activities and providing services within defined geographic boundaries wish to engage with First Nations partners to address common interests and community needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to include local governments in land use planning discussions with First Nations to ensure continuity of government-to-government engagement and support collaborative and complementary approaches to land use planning that recognize community interests.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R44) Protection of Old Growth Forests****City of Victoria**

WHEREAS old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sinks, drinking watersheds and much more;

AND WHEREAS old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island and current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the last remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging, beginning with a moratorium and followed by amendments to the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan.

AND IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial government work with First Nations, local communities, labour organizations and industry to pursue a just transition and expanded economic opportunities through sustainable management of second-growth forests and value-added production of forest products.

***RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN***

**REGIONAL DISTRICTS****R45) Regulate and Enforce Vehicle Parking on Provincial Roads****Nanaimo RD**

WHEREAS regional districts have not been granted the authority to regulate vehicle parking on roadways in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the Province and the RCMP have limited resources to regulate and enforce the increased volume of vehicles parked illegally on roads and right-of-ways that cause congestion and unsafe conditions for other vehicles, pedestrians and emergency first responders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia extend authority to regional districts to regulate and enforce vehicle parking on provincial roads and right-of-ways.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R46) Parking Enforcement in Rural Areas**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the RCMP are responsible for enforcing parking regulations in rural areas which takes policing resources away from other priorities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial response to UBCM Resolution 2014-B102 requesting that regional districts be granted the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries indicated that further research was required prior to undertaking any policy change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General jointly review parking enforcement in the rural areas to either provide regional districts with the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries or to adequately resource rural detachments to ensure that community safety issues related to illegal parking are addressed.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**R47) Wireless Connectivity in Rural Areas**

**Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

WHEREAS intermittent or complete lack of cellular services in remote communities and along over 5,000 km of BC's rural highways creates a significant barrier for access to emergency services, negatively affects emergency response time, and increases public safety risk; and

WHEREAS there is a market failure to provide cellular services where revenue cannot support costs to deploy and maintain the service:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province set targets to close gaps in cellular service in remote communities and along rural highway sections, and oblige service providers in partnership with all levels of government to close these gaps.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R48) Provincial Universal School Food Program**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS almost 500,000 individuals in BC experience food insecurity, and Canada remains one of the only Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations without a national school food program and Canada's current patchwork of school food programming reaches only a small percentage of students;

AND WHEREAS school food programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of vegetables, fruits and other healthy foods and decrease the consumption of unhealthy ones; improve students' mental health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems; improve cognitive skills and increase scholastic success:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate to the provincial government for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school, building on

existing programs and including food education to serve culturally appropriate, local, sustainable food to the fullest extent possible.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that Resolution L1 titled “Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery” distributed to members in attendance be admitted for debate was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report recommending that Resolution L3 titled “Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution” be admitted for debate was endorsed.

#### **AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

##### **A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE**

- L1 Moratorium on Hornby and Denman Fishery
- L3 Increase Provincial RCMP Contribution

Comox Valley Regional District  
City of Colwood

##### **B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE**

- L2 Eliminate GST and PST on Construction Materials

Town of Ladysmith

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.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

##### **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.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Companies” distributed to members in attendance be admitted for debate was endorsed.

### **OF1) Subsidies to Fossil Fuel Companies**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the Federal government recently released a scientific report that reveals that Canada is warming at twice the global rate, the Provincial government recently approved a \$5.35-billion package of tax incentives for a \$40-billion LNG Canada megaproject, supported by \$1.275 billion from the Federal government, and, according to a 2015 report by the International Monetary Fund, the annual Federal government subsidy to the fossil fuel industry is \$46 billion;

AND WHEREAS the funding formula for local governments has changed little since 1867 with local governments receiving roughly 8 cents of every tax dollar leaving them unprepared for the emerging and significant costs of mitigation and adaption to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the Provincial government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM through the FCM call on the Federal government to end all subsidies to fossil fuel companies and to invest the money instead in climate change mitigation and adaptation activities being undertaken by local governments in a predictable and regularized funding formula.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **GOLD STAR RESOLUTION AWARDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President Jensen announced the winners of the awards for Gold Star Resolutions.

The two runners up were the Islands Trust for R13 Key Marine Cumulative Effects Values and the Village of Tahsis for R18 Cave Protection Act.

The winner of the Gold Star Resolutions Award was the Sunshine Coast Regional District for R16 Climate Emergency Declaration.

## **INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE**

President Elected Jensen introduced the 2019-20 Executive and extended congratulations to them:

President  
First Vice President

Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich  
Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Second Vice President  
Electoral Area Representative  
Directors at Large

Past President

Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
Director Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo Regional District  
Councillor Hazel Braithwaite, District of Oak Bay  
Councillor Coleen Evans, City of Campbell River  
Councillor Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni  
Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District

### **PRESIDENT ELECT'S REMARKS**

President Elect Jensen thanked the assembly for confirming him as President, saying he was very honoured and looked forward to working with the Executive Committee. He thanked retiring Director Colin Plant and Past President Mary Marcotte for their service, and thanked President Grieve for his leadership and guidance.

President Elect Jensen also extended the appreciation of AVICC members to the host communities, and in particular to Councillor CaroleAnn Leishman for all her contributions including the entertainment at the banquet.

### **CONVENTION CLOSING**

President Carl Jensen then closed the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. The Convention adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Liz Cookson  
AVICC Secretary-Treasurer

## **2019-20 AVICC EXECUTIVE**

PRESIDENT	Councillor Carl Jensen District of Central Saanich
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Chair Ian Morrison Cowichan Valley Regional District
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE	Director Vanessa Craig Nanaimo Regional District
DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite District of Oak Bay  Councillor Colleen Evans City of Campbell River  Councillor Cindy Solda City of Port Alberni
PAST PRESIDENT	Director Edwin Grieve Comox Valley Regional District

# APPENDIX A

## 2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### WELCOME

I would like to welcome everybody to Powell River for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' 70th Convention and Annual General Meeting. I would especially like to welcome our many newly elected officials who are attending for the first time. I'm sure you will all enjoy the program our staff and Executive have put together for this year's event. Over the next three days there will be resolutions, presentations, panel discussions and, of course, time for socializing, networking and making contacts and establishing new friendships.

It should be stated AVICC is not an arm of local government but rather a Society whose membership happens to be made up of local government elected officials. We are your professional organization dedicated to addressing the needs, concerns and challenges we all face in our day-to-day lives in community service.

Resolutions endorsed this weekend are brought forward to the Union of BC Municipalities who, in turn, advocates with senior levels of government on your behalf. As the AVICC President I have the privilege this year of being your representative on the UBCM Executive. Other AVICC members on the Executive include UBCM First Vice-President, Mayor Maja Tait from the District of Sooke, Director at Large, Director Travis Hall from the Central Coast Regional District, and Director at Large, Councillor Claire Moglove from the City of Campbell River. We are all very lucky to have such capable and dedicated representation on UBCM from our region.

I would like to mention some of our members serving on committees and boards starting with our own AVICC Director at Large, Director Penny Cote from Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District who sits as our representative on the Board of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

Another member, Mayor Josie Osborne from the District of Tofino, represents AVICC on the Federal Government's "Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group." Josie has a degree in Marine Biology and she brings her expertise and experience as well as a coastal local government perspective to that table. We thank her for reporting out to the Executive at our Executive meeting in December.

A newly elected member, Director Daniel Arbour from the Comox Valley Regional District, has been nominated to represent our Association on DFO's "Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (AMAC)" for Shellfish. Daniel is the representative for Area A in the Comox Valley which boasts the largest shellfish industry in western Canada. The DFO group meets in April and Daniel is here looking for options and input from AVICC members.

I would be remiss if I did not mention former Director Ian Winn from the Sunshine Coast Regional District who served with great dignity and ability in the role of AVICC Electoral Area Representative. Ian has retired from public life and we wish him and his family all the best.

Replacing Ian as the interim Electoral Area Representative is Director Vanessa Craig from the Regional District of Nanaimo. Welcome Vanessa, and thank you for facilitating the Electoral Area Forum that will be held on Saturday afternoon.

### RESOLUTIONS

At the convention last year in Victoria, the membership discussed and endorsed many resolutions including:

## **ER2 AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management**

This Special Committee was formed in 2015 with representation from staff and elected officials from 9 Regional Districts to address collaboration, common strategies, synergies and economies related to solid waste management over the AVICC area. At the 2018 convention the membership reaffirmed support for the areas of work that include: Partnership; Advocacy; Long Term Disposal; Regulation and Enforcement.

Of these directives the most challenging has been the “Advocacy” bullet that speaks to engagement with the BC Ministry of Environment. Although there was some initial dialogue, the Provincial election cycle and ensuing change of government required a reintroduction of the conversation and re-establishing of relationships.

At the UBCM Ministers meetings in Whistler last September, Committee representatives met with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and his staff. The Ministry has now committed to having Provincial staff participation at the staff committee level. In January the Ministry staff presented to the CAO/Technical Group on the Ministry’s “*Love Food-Hate Waste*” campaign.

The Special Committee’s Communications campaign called “*Recycle Right - At Home*” was developed collaboratively by the participating RD communications staff, and features five videos that are being released, one a week, this Spring.

## **R8 Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies**

Letters were sent to 20 of the world’s largest fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that local governments are incurring and expecting to incur due to climate change, and requesting that corporations pay their fair share of those impacts on local governments. These letters were shared with the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna and the provincial Minister of Environment, George Heyman.

West Coast Environmental Law helped prepare the letters and, to date, AVICC has received responses from Shell Canada and BHP in Australia. This was in addition to some colourful unsolicited emails from citizens of Alberta and an interview from a reporter from the Globe and Mail. AVICC also received a letter of response from Minister McKenna’s office.

## **R11 BC Ferries Medical Priority Loading**

This was a resolution about modifying the BC Ferries Travel Assistance Programme (TAP) to allow assured loading for patients travelling for treatment and care. The resolution was referred to the Executive to confirm how the current system operates.

Representatives from BC Ferries met with the AVICC Executive to clarify the policy and process. Karen Tindall, Director Customer Care and Stephen Nussbaum, Superintendent Customer Service and Operational Standards described how a patient’s doctor can apply for a “Medical Assured Loading” letter (MAL). Separately, the BC Ministry of Health offers a “Travel Assistance Program” (TAP) that is designed to help alleviate some costs for BC citizens who must travel within the Province for services. BC Ferries has now included information on the MAL program on their website. Details of the programs and the presentation are available in the October 26, 2018 minutes on the AVICC website at <https://avicc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2018-10-26-AVICC-Minutes-Final.pdf>

## **R19 Active Transportation Infrastructure**

### **R20 Cycling Infrastructure Funding**

Advocacy on these resolutions included a meeting in May between five Regional Chairs and Minister Trevena in Victoria to discuss the Vancouver Island Master Transportation Plan, MoTI contracts and active Transportation Corridors. A further follow up meeting was held with the Minister in September at the UBCM Ministerial meetings in Whistler. The release of the Provincial budget in February shows



deeper commitment by the Province for these Transportation initiatives. Under the AVICC, RD senior staff are currently working with MoTI to draft MOUs to allow construction and maintenance of active transportation corridors adjacent to provincial roads.

## **CONVENTION POLICIES**

As the President, I presented to two sessions in Parksville at the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) to let newly elected members know about AVICC (who we are and what we do) and to give an overview of the resolutions process.

Following the 2018 convention and input from members, the AVICC Executive reviewed and updated the resolutions process to be in line with UBCM practice. The Executive this year has brought forward new policies that make some changes in the way “late resolutions” and “off the floor” resolutions can be brought forward to the convention floor. Instead of requiring 75% “super majority” vote to accept a late or off the floor resolution for debate, the threshold has been reduced to 60%.

Also, resolutions supporting existing UBCM policy are grouped together and moved as a “Block.” The threshold to remove a resolution from “the Block” for debate or amendments now only requires a simple 50+1% majority to separate it from the “Block.” Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution.

Also, in keeping with current best practice, is the new AVICC “Code of Conduct.” AVICC is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for all its members and we celebrate diversity in all its forms. By registering for the convention delegates have agreed to the Code of Conduct.

The AVICC Executive has also established Gold Star Criteria for the best written resolution with an award to be given out at this year's convention. As we regularly receive many resolutions (over 50 this year) the quality of which can vary wildly, the Executive has initiated a “gold star resolution” award to encourage the submissions of resolutions that are fact based, clear, concise and well thought out. It is incumbent on the submitting local government and their staff to author the best package that they can in hopes that they can bring home the “Gold Star.”

## **AVICC LUNCH AT UBCM**

The Annual AVICC lunch affords our membership an opportunity to get together every year at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in September. Last year the convention was hosted in Whistler. In addition to our members, many MLAs and MPs from the area were present. BC Premier, John Horgan and Deputy Premier, Carole James also joined us with Premier Horgan giving a short address to the attendees.

Also honoured at the lunch with a lifetime membership was Past President Barbara Price. I'm sure everyone joins me in congratulating her and gives a heartfelt thanks to Barbara for her commitment and contributions to the AVICC and to local government as both a councillor and a regional district director.

## **AVICC INSURANCE**

This year the Executive initiated a full year insurance policy for the Society. We have researched and implemented the new annual insurance policies for CGL and D&O to ensure continued good management and protection of the Association.

## **AVICC AUDIT**

Much discussion was had as the Executive researched different alternatives for financial reporting including the “Notice of Reader” model and moving to an audit every two years. We obtained quotes

from large and small firms, and decided to stay with an annual audit with KPMG. It was felt that a proper audit every year would bring the greatest transparency and ensure the confidence of the AVICC Membership.

## **CHANGES TO CANADA REVENUE AGENCY REGULATIONS**

Due to changes in regulations, discussion was had on how best to update the per diem payments to the Executive to reflect preparation time for meetings and to account for the change in CRA policy. New regulations require 100% of compensation to be reported as income. The Executive adjusted the per diem payments to take the new regulations into account.

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

In an acknowledgement of the importance of the forestry sector to the Island and Coastal Communities, we are in discussions with the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) on extending the MOU signed a few years ago between Coast Forest Products Association and AVICC. Coast Forest Products Association has now been absorbed into the bigger association. COFI is province wide and has planned a reception for AVICC members at this year's convention to give our members an opportunity to get to know COFI.

## **MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 100% membership has been maintained
- AVICC continues to enjoy a solid financial position
- AVICC has a five-year Contract for Services with UBCM, and continues to benefit from a strong relationship with UBCM staff

## **IN SUMMARY**

The work of AVICC over the 2018-2019 term was a tribute to the great team and staff of the Association.

We look forward to serving our members through 2019-20 and welcome your input.

## **APPENDIX B**

Financial Statements of

### **ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

Year ended December 31, 2018



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018
- the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2018, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged With Governance for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.  
  
The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation



- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

***Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements***

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

March 8, 2019

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

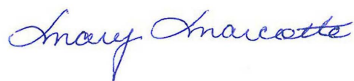
	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 265,834	\$ 249,779
Prepaid expenses	-	7,700
Accounts receivable	1,510	1,170
	<u>\$ 267,344</u>	<u>\$ 258,649</u>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,441	\$ 25,773
Deferred revenue	4,200	-
Deferred contributions (note 3)	57,390	57,390
	<u>80,031</u>	<u>83,163</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	187,313	175,486
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
	<u>\$ 267,344</u>	<u>\$ 258,649</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Revenue:		
Annual meeting - registration	\$ 91,686	\$ 71,443
Association dues	86,254	83,940
Annual meeting - sponsorships	69,530	52,400
Interest	4,693	2,444
Other	-	8,173
	252,163	218,400
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	130,680	95,804
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	85,168	78,154
Executive meetings	12,126	9,575
Professional fees	5,618	5,350
Consulting fees	2,460	2,172
Communication and staff travel	2,397	1,633
Other meetings	1,567	9,347
Postage, office and miscellaneous	320	6,405
	240,336	208,440
Excess of revenue over expenses	11,827	9,960
Net assets, beginning of year	175,486	165,526
Net assets, end of year	\$ 187,313	\$ 175,486

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 11,827	\$ 9,960
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	7,700	(2,700)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(340)	(79)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,332)	18,737
Increase in deferred revenue	4,200	-
Increase in deferred contributions	-	4,515
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,055	30,433
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	249,779	219,346
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 265,834	\$ 249,779

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2018

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## **Nature of operations:**

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is incorporated under the Society Act (British Columbia) and is exempt from the requirement to pay income taxes. Its purpose is to promote autonomy within local government and to advance the principles of local government. The Association represents the various municipalities and regional districts of Vancouver Island, Powell River and the Sunshine and Central Coasts. On November 28, 2016, the new Societies Act (British Columbia) became effective. On May 9, 2018, the Association transitioned to the new Act.

## **1. Significant accounting policies:**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations ("ASNPO") in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Association's significant accounting policies are as follows:

### **(a) Basis of presentation:**

These financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in net assets of the Association and, as such, do not include all the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the members of the Association.

There is no provision in the accounts for income taxes as the activities of the Association are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

### **(b) Cash and cash equivalents:**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and highly liquid investments consisting of term deposits with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less.

### **(c) Revenue recognition:**

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Annual meeting sponsorships, registration and exhibit revenues are recognized as revenue when the conference takes place.

Association dues are recognized as revenue in the year they are earned and collection is reasonably assured.

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

### (d) Contributed materials and services:

Due to the difficulty in determining fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

### (e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment.

### (f) Capital assets:

In accordance with the ASNPO Handbook section 4431, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, the Association has met the criteria to be considered a small organization and as such has not capitalized any expenditures. Capital assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this accounting policy include computer hardware.

### (g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2018	2017
Cash	\$ 61,944	\$ 49,198
MFA Money Market Funds	203,890	200,581
	<u>\$ 265,834</u>	<u>\$ 249,779</u>

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2018

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## **3. Deferred contributions:**

Deferred contributions include \$44,665 (2017 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the Treaty Advisory Committee.

Also included in deferred contributions is \$12,725 (2017 - \$12,725) in contributions restricted for the activities of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management.

## **4. Contractual commitments:**

The Association has a contract with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for administrative, office and various support services and has committed to pay \$86,820 in 2019 in respect of this contract by way of quarterly payments. The contract term ends on December 31, 2020. The amounts are subject to adjustment each January.



## ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

qathet Regional District &  
City of Powell River

2019 AGM & Convention

April 12 - 14

### A WARM WELCOME

The qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River welcome the AVICC Convention delegates again 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 the 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

- 9:00 am Pre-Convention Workshops
- 12:00 pm New Member Orientation
- 2:00 pm Official Opening  
Keynote Address
- 4:00 pm Plenary  
Minister's Address  
Premier's Address
- 5:30 pm Welcome Reception
- 7:30 pm COFI 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 Activity Break
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Workshops
- 3:00 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  
Leader of BC Green Party  
Plenary Session  
Grand Prize
- 12:00 pm Adjourn



## 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: <i>Building Universal Child Care for BC Together</i>
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	Address: UBCM President Arjun Singh, Councillor, City of Kamloops
8:55 am	Annual Meeting
	Convention Rules and Procedures
	Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting
	President's Address and Annual Report
	2018 Audited Financial Statements
9:05 am	Consideration of Resolutions, First Session
10:00 am	Refreshment Break
10:20 am	BC Hydro – <i>Emergency Response</i>
10:30 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

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Private Forest Landowners Association

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Tourism Powell River

Vancouver Island University

Western Forest Products

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## 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)

## Pre-Convention Session

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## 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

### **Junk to Joules**

Saturday, 11:30 am

Join us for an inspiring panel discussion about Renewable Natural Gas. Learn how FortisBC is working with AVICC communities and local governments to realize benefits from this innovative, carbon neutral energy option. CRD will give an update on the project being considered in the Capital Region, and hear how the Village of Cumberland is looking at RNG as a building block in their economic development plans.

Presenters: Siraz Dalmir, FortisBC Energy, Key Account Manager, Municipalities  
Liz Ferris, Capital Regional District, Corporate Climate Action Analyst  
Sundance Topham, CAO, Village of Cumberland

### **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

## SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

### **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

### **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 – 3:30 pm**

#### **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

## SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

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

#### **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

### 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





## 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 included a link to a form outlining the Code. By registering, delegates are acknowledging that they are aware that they are 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 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.