

**Association of
Vancouver Island and
Coastal Communities**



MINUTES OF THE 72ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Held Virtually
May 28, 2021**

2020-21 AVICC EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Director Ian Morrison Cowichan Valley Regional District
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Councillor Hazel Braithwaite District of Oak Bay
ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE	Director Vanessa Craig Regional District of Nanaimo
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	Councillor Colleen Evans City of Campbell River
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	Director Mark Gisborne qathet Regional District
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	Director Travis Hall Central Coast Regional District
PAST PRESIDENT	Councillor Carl Jensen District of Central Saanich

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ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

MINUTES OF THE 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AVICC HELD VIRTUALLY MAY 28, 2021

President Ian Morrison opened the convention at 8:45 am on Friday, May 28, 2021, and welcomed delegates to the 72nd annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

The AGM and Convention was held virtually in 2021 due to the restrictions from the Public Health Officer on gathering in-person as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual Welcome Reception was held the evening of Thursday, May 27, 2021.

President Morrison presented his President's Report (attached to the Minutes as Appendix A) that detailed the main activities of the AVICC Executive over the last term.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Morrison called the Annual General Meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities that were held virtually, September 22, 2020, as electronically posted and distributed, were adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the *2021 Annual Report* was received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Morrison presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for the year ending December 31, 2020 (Appendix B). He advised that once again the financial statements include a clean opinion from AVICC's auditors, KPMG.

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were received.

2021 BUDGET

President Morrison presented the 2021 Budget, and advised that 100% membership has been maintained, that there would be no increase in member dues for 2021, and that AVICC had renewed its five-year Contract for Services with UBCM.

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the 2021 Budget distributed in the Annual Report was received.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As Chair of AVICC's Nominating Committee. Past President Jensen presented the report from the Nominating Committee. Past President Jensen announced that, when the nomination period closed, the following AVICC Executive members were unopposed, and were acclaimed in their positions on the 2021/2022 AVICC Executive.

- President – Ian Morrison, Director, Cowichan Valley Regional District
- 1st Vice President – Penny Cote, Director, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Electoral Area Representative – Vanessa Craig, Director, Regional District of Nanaimo

There were two candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President. Past President Jensen announced the successful candidate:

- 2nd Vice President – Ben Geselbracht, Councillor, City of Nanaimo

There were five candidates for the three positions of Director at Large. Past President Jensen announced the successful candidates for Director at Large:

- Colleen Evans, Councillor, City of Campbell River
- Mark Gisborne, Director, qathet Regional District
- Travis Hall, Director, Central Coast Regional District

Past President Jensen thanked all members who were nominated, and congratulated those members elected to the 2021/2022 Executive.

ADDRESS BY THE UBCM PRESIDENT BRIAN FRENKEL

UBCM President Brian Frenkel addressed the delegates.

ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs addressed the delegates.

PREMIER JOHN HORGAN GREETINGS

Recorded greetings from the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC.

UNDRIP AND RECONCILIATION

2nd Vice President Braithwaite introduced the Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP, Vancouver-Granville; and John Jack, Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations. The panellists discussed the Province's UNDRIP legislation, what it means for local government and first nations relationships, and how members can help advance reconciliation initiatives in their own communities.

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCE PLANNING ON VANCOUVER ISLAND AND THE COAST, VISION 2030

President Morrison introduced the session with panellists Michelle Staples, Mayor, City of Duncan; Lisa Helps, Mayor, City of Victoria; Dr. Kara Shaw, Director, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies, University of Victoria; and Emma-Jane Burian, Political Science and Environmental Studies student, University of Victoria. The panellists discussed the last two years of work on the development of a Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action and Resilience plan out to 2030.

Q&A WITH TELUS

President Morrison introduced Shaye Draper from Telus, sponsors of the virtual platform used for the AGM and Convention. Mr. Draper answered questions about initiatives by Telus throughout the AVICC region.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

President Morrison announced a break for lunch. Delegates could meet up in break-out rooms hosted by Fortis BC, BC Lottery Corporation and Telus.

LEADER OF THE BC GREEN PARTY ADDRESS TO DELEGATES

MLA Sonia Furstenau, Leader of the BC Green Party addressed the delegates.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – JOE ROBERTS, SKID ROW CEO

Joe Roberts, the Skidrow CEO, has an Honorary Doctorate from Laurentian University, is the winner of The Courage to Come Back Award, and was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada. Joe's life however, wasn't always this good, in fact 25 years ago he pushed a shopping cart in Vancouver's notorious downtown east side as a homeless addict. Joe's story is one of perseverance, determination and the resiliency of the human spirit. He is a living testament to the idea that "anything is possible". This session was a chance to hear about Joe's experiences, and hopefully take away a better understanding of how AVICC members, as local government leaders, can respond to these challenges and help everyone across their communities.

COPING WITH COVID

1st Vice President Cote introduced the Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Dr. Shannon Waters, Medical Health Officer, Island Health, Cowichan Valley Region; Dr. Nel Wieman, Acting Deputy Chief Medical Officer, First Nations Health Authority; Arun Subramanian, Director, Industry Health & Safety, go2HR; and Jonny Morris, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, BC. The panellists spoke on building resilience and supporting mental wellness in AVICC communities as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Minister Malcolmson spoke on provincial initiatives, and panelists provided perspectives on mental wellness in the workplace, the tourism sector, and first nations communities.

INTERIM-LEADER OF THE BC LIBERAL PARTY GREETINGS

Recorded greetings from MLA Shirley Bond, Interim Leader of the BC Liberal Party were played.

RESOLUTIONS VOTING RESULTS

President Morrison presented the results on the on-line voting on the resolutions submitted for 2021. The endorsed resolutions go forward to UBCM. The full resolutions and the voting results are attached as Appendix D to these minutes.

BC FERRIES UPDATE

2nd Vice President Braithwaite introduced Mark Collins, President and CEO of BC Ferries who gave an update on COVID-19's affected on its operations around the AVICC region, and on how BC Ferries is moving forward as travel is starting to re-open.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE

President Morrison thanked the members for attending today's virtual AGM and Convention. He announced the full 2021/2022 Executive:

President	Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
First Vice President	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Second Vice President	Councillor Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo
Electoral Area Representative	Director Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo
Directors at Large	Councillor Coleen Evans, City of Campbell River Director Mark Gisborne, qathet Regional District Director Travis Hall, Central Coast Regional District
Past President	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich

CONVENTION CLOSING

President Morrison then closed the 72nd Annual General Meeting at 4:00 pm.



Liz Cookson
AVICC Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

2020-2021

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank our members, the local government elected officials across our region, for their incredible service to their community members and governments large and small, during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Executive has been hard at work ensuring the smooth operation of the organization since our AGM some eight months ago. Past President Carl Jensen and I worked November through January with UBCM staff to modernize and clarify our service contract with UBCM that expired December 31, 2020. A new contract was approved by the Executive and was signed by all parties in January.

Guided by public health orders and a good dose of common sense, the Executive made the decision to cancel the in-person annual convention in April, and began the arduous task of organizing our one-day virtual AGM and Convention for May 28th, 2021. The fatigue we all experience with Zoom or WebEx or Teams caused the Executive to focus on providing current, relevant, and valuable content to all our members in a jam packed one day event.

The final tally of resolutions of 46 was unexpectedly up significantly from previous three day in-person conventions. Live debate of that number of resolutions in a virtual format would be technologically difficult and very time consuming. The Executive considered the pros and cons of possible scenarios, and compromised with advance voting on both resolutions and the election of the 2021-22 Executive.

Delegates can do research, contact sponsors, review and consider resolutions individually (no blocks), endorse or not, watch candidate speeches, cast ballots, AT THEIR OWN PACE, in the period designated in advance of the convention. I think your Executive was flexible and innovative in developing this format under difficult constraints and circumstances. Your Executive joins you in the intense desire to return to our in-person convention and live resolution debate format in Victoria in 2022.

It is important for me to bring to everyone's attention a significant topic that has emerged in recent months and even years that has been considered by the Executive. This is the matter of AVICC's role in advocacy on behalf of our members. This is not new to AVICC, and

it has become clear there are two distinct categories of advocacy that your Executive, staff, and the membership as a whole need to address.

The first type of advocacy is what is termed “day to day” advocacy requests that come from you, our members. These can come through resolutions at convention, individual Board or Council resolutions, and member requests. They can come in different forms such as phone calls, emails, website inquiries, letters requesting support, etcetera. In most cases, our 0.8 FTE Executive Director, the President and the Executive can consider and act on matters, depending on the nature of the advocacy required. The Executive will consider and deliberate over these types of requests. Occasionally topics of a controversial nature arise that haven’t been previously considered by the membership, have many perspectives and much passion involved, and that ultimately would be irresponsible for the Executive to act upon.

Your Executive is tasked to represent the views of all the membership wherever possible. To date, the vast majority of these “day to day” advocacy requests are handled with the utmost care and diligence, yet if they prove too controversial or unactionable, they will be returned to the requesting member organization with an appropriate explanation for that particular response. I should note that members have the same access to the same mailing lists and contact information that AVICC does. If time is of the essence, it is suggested you distribute pertinent correspondence directly to your intended recipients.

The second type of advocacy can be more time consuming and costly to pursue. AVICC has taken on these initiatives in the past, based on direction of the membership at convention. This type of major initiative cannot be coordinated off the corner of our Executive Director’s desk. The list of some previous initiatives pursued or incubated on membership direction includes: the Financial and Governance Review of the Island Corridor Foundation (\$15,000+); the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management (\$30,000+); Policy Paper of the Special Committee on BC Ferries; Standardization of Natural Gas Rates; Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee representatives for Shellfish and for Finfish; Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group representatives; Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative representative; and Active Transportation Corridor agreements with MoTI. The costs of some of this work is hard to quantify. AVICC has a fixed amount of staff resources and limited funds to hire consultants under our current financial model. Advocacy carried out in one area means resources are not available to take on other advocacy initiatives.

It is very important to your Executive that if AVICC wants to go down the road of taking on additional advocacy work, a clearly defined policy needs to be put before the membership at a future in-person convention for a thorough and rigorous discussion and debate. The policy will need to identify the associated costs and the means of funding them. We all know that doing any job well costs money. Current and previous AVICC Executives have been very

respectful and careful with your dues, fees, convention costs and charges. Advocacy initiatives will require additional financial resources, and if a policy is developed and approved at a future in-person convention, the membership will have to support the costs associated with that work.

The scope, length and format of this convention has been adapted to accommodate the realities we face today, both from a health and safety view, and a fiscal reality perspective as well. This is reflected in the reduced 2021 convention registration cost and the decision not to increase member dues in 2021.

This provides a great segue to another item raised by our members, for both AVICC to consider at a regional level, and provincially at UBCM. We are considering resolutions R41 (Funding for small communities to attend AVICC) and R42 (Funding for small communities to attend UBCM) submitted by the Central Coast Regional District.

I think it is fair to say we all want all our members to have access to the information, resolutions debate, training, and networking opportunities that are features of the AVICC and UBCM annual conventions. It has come to light that size, geography, and financial resources are serious considerations for members when considering their attendance at these important annual events. Occasionally a member or two, perhaps a council or board, may evaluate the merits of attending conventions and AGMs, especially given the constant and justified need to receive value for our taxpayer's dollars.

The efforts of past and present Executive Committees to provide informative content of wide-ranging areas of interest for our members has meant our conventions have good value. For comparison, the table below shows equivalent convention registration fees for AVICC and the other four area associations. AVICC continues to have the lowest registration fees.

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

Still, smaller and remote communities are finding the overall costs of travel, accommodations, and the convention itself is creating hardship for some communities, and whose voice we really need to hear.

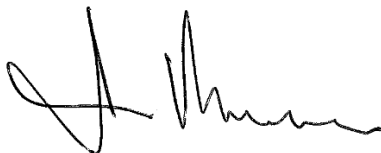
AVICC currently does not have a mandate from our members to develop a program or to seek funding or grants to provide a subsidy to members who can demonstrate a need. The members would need to support a program of this nature with guidelines for qualifying criteria, and perhaps even a membership dues surcharge or convention levy that would assist in ensuring our member's voices, from communities near and far, large and small, will all be heard.

I will shift gears and conclude with thoughts of a personal nature. We certainly live in interesting times! I became AVICC President in September of 2020 at our AGM held virtually at the UBCM convention. Like you, following public health orders, I've not travelled anywhere and not met anyone new in my non-existent travels. I've served on the UBCM Board and not attended one meeting in person. I've chaired several AVICC Executive meetings, and not a single one was face to face. Despite these strange circumstances in the past eight months, it has been an extreme honour and privilege, serving each and every one of you, as your President.

I have been blessed to have had the counsel of our amazing Past President Carl Jensen. Penny Cote has been a rock of support as our 1st Vice President. Hazel Braithwaite has excelled as our 2nd Vice President, and we all have been very well served by Electoral Area Representative Vanessa Craig. Directors at Large Mark Gisborne, Colleen Evans, and Travis Hall have all made passionate and effective contributions to your 2020-21 Executive, and they have all made my job as President a pleasure!

Finally, today's event and the smooth and efficient functioning of AVICC, can be attributed to one very special person and we are so fortunate to have her. Our Executive Director, Liz Cookson, is the brains and the brawn behind the operation of AVICC. I want to extend my heartfelt praise and gratitude to Ms. Cookson, and I would ask you all, at your homes and offices, to join me in applauding Liz for her hard work and dedication to the success of AVICC and all of you, our members.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Morrison', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ian Morrison, President

Financial Statements of

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2020



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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, 2020
- 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, 2020, 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

March 12, 2021

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

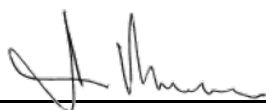
	2020	2019
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 308,704	\$ 314,889
Prepaid expenses	4,625	7,625
Accounts receivable	911	-
	<u>\$ 314,240</u>	<u>\$ 322,514</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,086	\$ 19,301
Deferred revenue	20,480	-
Deferred contributions (note 3)	57,039	58,329
	<u>87,605</u>	<u>77,630</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	226,635	244,884
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
COVID-19 (note 6)		
	<u>\$ 314,240</u>	<u>\$ 322,514</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, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Revenue:		
Annual meeting - registration	\$ -	\$ 94,472
Association dues	96,544	93,823
Annual meeting - sponsorships	5,500	72,900
Interest	2,584	5,993
	104,628	267,188
Expenses:		
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	89,474	83,542
Communication and staff travel (note 1(f))	10,690	2,443
Executive meetings	9,270	14,530
Professional fees	5,500	5,450
Annual meeting	5,192	100,473
Postage, office and miscellaneous	2,689	283
Other meetings	62	2,089
	122,877	208,810
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the undernoted items	(18,249)	58,378
Other expenses (income):		
Contributions - Solid Waste Committee	(2,032)	(10,569)
Expenses - Solid Waste Committee	2,032	11,376
	-	807
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(18,249)	57,571
Net assets, beginning of year	244,884	187,313
Net assets, end of year	\$ 226,635	\$ 244,884

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (18,249)	\$ 57,571
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	3,000	(7,625)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(911)	1,510
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(9,215)	860
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	20,480	(4,200)
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	(1,290)	939
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(6,185)	49,055
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	314,889	265,834
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 308,704	\$ 314,889

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2020

Nature of operations:

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is registered under the Societies 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.

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, 2020

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 4433, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, and section 4434, *Intangible 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 and intangible assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this accounting policy include computer hardware and website costs. During the year, the Association incurred \$7,700 of costs related to the redevelopment of the Association's website.

(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.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2020

2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2020	2019
Cash	\$ 99,260	\$ 107,205
MFA Money Market Funds	209,444	207,684
	<u>\$ 308,704</u>	<u>\$ 314,889</u>

3. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions include \$44,665 (2019 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the Treaty Advisory Committee. The remaining balance will be used for the purposes of continuing and offsetting costs of future reconciliation initiatives.

Also included in deferred contributions is \$12,374 (2019 - \$13,664) 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 \$88,560 in 2021 in respect of this contract by way of quarterly payments. The contract term ends on December 31, 2026. The amounts are subject to adjustment each January.

5. Financial risks and concentration of risk:

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Association believes that it is not exposed to significant interest rate or cash flow risk arising from its financial instruments.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Association manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. It prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations.

There has been no change to the risk exposures from 2019.

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Year ended December 31, 2020

6. COVID-19:

In March 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and the Association's 2020 annual meeting was subsequently cancelled as a result of provincial health recommendations. In 2021, the Association is planning on a virtual one day conference event instead of the typical annual in-person multi-day conference. As a result, revenues from registration and sponsorship and conference expenses are anticipated to be lower than in a typical year. The situation is dynamic and the ultimate duration and magnitude of the impact on the economy and the financial effect on the Association is not known at this time.



2021 Program

Thursday, May 27, 2021 – Welcome Reception

Time	Item
5:00 pm to 5:15 pm	<p>Welcome Reception – “Doors Open”</p> <p>Log in to the Convention Platform, and click to join other delegates face to face in Zoom. Delegates will be emailed log in information for the Convention Platform on May 26th.</p> <p>This will be a fun, social night to kick off the convention. There will be opportunities for networking, prizes, and social break-out rooms with games and other activities hosted by our Platinum Sponsors – Telus, FortisBC, and BC Lottery Corporation.</p> <p><i>Even if we can't be together in person quite yet, we can be together “zoo-socially”.</i></p>
5:15 pm to 7:30 pm	<p>Welcome Reception – Games and Social Activities</p> <p>Delegates will be able to choose which rooms and activities they want to try out. There will be everything from trivia to visiting with the piglets in the blueberry patch.</p> <p><i>A separate email with the schedule for the different activities at the reception will be sent out to all registered delegates.</i></p>
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm	<p>Welcome Reception – Group Meet Wrapping Up</p> <p>After the activities finish up, members will have some more time to visit and chat in the main meeting room.</p>



Friday, May 28, 2021 – AGM & Convention

Time	Item
8:30 am to 8:45 am	Virtual Trade Show with AVICC Sponsors <i>Visit sponsor pages and connect with our sponsors live in a virtual trade show room. Drop by the booths anytime by clicking on the links on the convention platform home page.</i>
8:45 am to 9:30 am	Opening Remarks – Ian Morrison, AVICC President Annual General Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>President's Report</i> • <i>2020 AGM Minutes</i> • <i>2020 Financial Statements</i> • <i>2021 Budget</i> • <i>Election Results of 2021/22 AVICC Executive</i> UBCM Update – Brian Frenkel, UBCM President
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs <i>Address followed by a Q & A Session with President Morrison</i>
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am to 11:00 am	UNDRIP and Reconciliation <i>Panellists will discuss the Province's UNDRIP legislation, what it means for local governments and first nations relationships, and how members can help advance reconciliation initiatives in their own communities.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation • Chair John Jack, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District • Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP, Vancouver-Granville

Time	Item
11:00 am to 11:50 am	<p>Climate Leadership and Resilience Planning on Vancouver Island and the Coast, Vision 2030</p> <p><i>This panel will explore the last two years of work on the development of a Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action and Resilience plan out to 2030. Since AVICC in 2019, a group of elected officials from across the AVICC region has been working together to engage elected officials, local government staff, youth, and First Nations on the island and the coast to develop an actionable plan to protect our communities and economies from climate change. There are a growing number of regional plans that aim to scale up these efforts to promote co-ordinated actions. While climate change impacts are experienced at a local level, what we've learned from the last two years of work, with support from research undertaken at the University of Victoria, is that planning at a broader regional scale is essential. Our overarching goal is for all our climate actions to increase community resilience across the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region, which in turn will better prepare our communities to navigate climate challenges. In preparation for the panel, please take the time to read this summary report from the November 6 2020 Resilience Summit.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Michelle Staples, City of Duncan • Mayor Lisa Helps, City of Victoria • Dr. Kara Shaw, Director, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies, University of Victoria • Emma-Jane Burian, Political Science and Environmental Studies student, University of Victoria
11:50 am to Noon	<p>Update from Telus</p> <p><i>Telus has generously sponsored the virtual platform and audio-visual support for our AGM and Convention. This is a chance to hear about new initiatives planned for the AVICC region.</i></p>
Noon to 1:00 pm	<p>Zoom Lunch</p> <p><i>There will be a link in the Convention platform to take delegates to our Zoom platform for a social lunch with break-out rooms where delegates can chat with sponsors and other members.</i></p>
1:00 pm to 1:15 pm	<p>Afternoon Session Announcements</p> <p><i>Welcome back, click the "live" button on the main page to rejoin.</i></p> <p>MLA Sonia Furstenau, Leader, BC Green Party</p> <p><i>Address</i></p>

Time	Item
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	<p>Keynote Address: Joe Roberts, Skid Row CEO</p> <p><i>In 1989 Joe was a homeless drug addict on the streets of Vancouver. With the help of family and community champions, Joe's life transformed. As you walk with Joe through the tough streets of East Vancouver in the 1980s, you will experience the depths and degradation of a former homeless drug addict, to the triumph of a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.</i></p> <p><i>Joe's message is relatable, humorous, honest, raw and unforgettable. He tackles the stigma associated with mental health and addiction in a straight forward authentic way and shares the tools needed to build resiliency in any situation.</i></p> <p><i>Since 1989, Joe has acquired two college diplomas, became the CEO of one of Vancouver's leading multimedia companies, walked across Canada and achieved more success than he could ever have imagined. Joe is also the Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Push for Change Foundation, a charity advocating for youth homelessness prevention. Joe walked 9,064 km across Canada from May 1, 2016 until September 29, 2017, pushing a shopping cart to raise money and awareness about youth homelessness.</i></p> <p><i>Joe has been recognized by MacLean's Magazine as one of "10 Canadians who make a difference," won the BC Courage to Come Back Award, received The Ontario Premier's Award for Business, was given an Honorary Doctorate from Laurentian University and was recognized by the Senate of Canada with their Canada 150 Medal. Recently Joe was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) from The Governor General of Canada.</i></p>
2:15 pm to 2:25 pm	<p>Break</p>
2:25 pm to 2:30 pm	<p>Draw for \$1,500 Donation from FortisBC to a Community Food Bank</p> <p><i>FortisBC is again donating \$1,500 to a deserving community project through a trade show booth draw. This year, the draw will be virtual. COVID-19 has not only prevented us from meeting face-to-face but also created a heightened need for local food banks. FortisBC wants to make sure these funds still get to organizations who can use it to make a positive difference. AVICC members that are elected officials can enter a \$1,500 draw for a donation to a local food bank. Details on how to enter were emailed separately, and the winner will be announced at 2:25 pm.</i></p>

Time	Item
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	<p>Coping with COVID</p> <p><i>The focus of this session is on building resilience and supporting mental wellness in our communities as we recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Minister Malcolmson will speak on provincial initiatives, and panelists will provide perspectives on mental wellness in the workplace, the tourism sector, and first nations communities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions • Dr. Shannon Waters, Medical Health Officer, Island Health, Cowichan Valley Region • Dr. Nel Wieman, Acting Deputy Chief Medical Officer, First Nations Health Authority • Arun Subramanian, Director, Industry Health & Safety, go2HR • Jonny Morris, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, BC
3:30 pm to 3:45 pm	<p>Resolutions Voting Results</p> <p><i>President Morrison will announce the results of the on-line resolutions voting.</i></p>
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	<p>BC Ferries Update and Prize Draw</p> <p><i>Mark Collins, President and CEO, BC Ferries will give an update on the ways that COVID-19 has affected travel around our region, and on how BC Ferries is moving forward as travel starts to re-open around our region.</i></p> <p><i>The winner of a prize draw for the winner's choice of a book of 10 Assured Loading tickets, or a Discovery Coast Connector Cruise will be announced.</i></p> <p><i>Closing Remarks from President Morrison.</i></p> <p><i>AGM and Convention is adjourned.</i></p>



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2021 AVICC RESOLUTION RESULTS

ER1	Postpone Termination of CARIP Funding	AVICC Executive	Endorsed
R1	Reinstate Three-Year Local Government Terms of Office	City of Nanaimo	Not Endorsed
R2	Electronic Permit and Public Hearing Notification	Islands Trust	Endorsed
R3	Extending the Life of Fire Apparatus	City of Port Alberni	Endorsed
R4	Medical Cannabis Production Sites	Cowichan Valley RD	Endorsed
R5	Consultation by Ministry Prior to Undertaking Works on Highways	Town of Gibsons	Endorsed
R6	Regional District Requisitions to Municipalities	City of Parksville	Endorsed
R7	Provincial Tax Sharing and Local Fuel Tax	City of Courtenay	Endorsed
R8	Audited Financial Statements for Municipally-Owned Corporations	City of Powell River	Endorsed
R9	COVID Safe Restart Grant Inequity for Electoral Areas	Capital RD	Endorsed
R10	Income Tax Credit/Deduction for Workers in Isolated Areas	District of Port Hardy	Endorsed
R11	Development Cost Charges for Local Government Facilities	District of Lantzville	Endorsed
R12	Contaminants Released from Wastewater Treatment Plants	City of Powell River	Endorsed
R13	Reform of the BC Utilities Commission	City of Powell River	Endorsed
R14	Right to Repair	City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria	Endorsed
R15	Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting	District of Oak Bay	Endorsed
R16	Clean and Renewable Energy Regulatory Framework	Village of Cumberland	Endorsed
R17	Climate Leadership	City of Victoria	Endorsed
R18	Help Cities Lead	City of Courtenay	Endorsed
R19	Developing a Vision to End Energy Poverty	City of Powell River	Endorsed
R20	BC Circular Economy Strategy	City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria	Endorsed
R21	Province-Wide Strategy to Manage Construction and Demolition Waste	City of Nanaimo	Endorsed
R22	Illegal Dumping in Electoral Areas	RD of Nanaimo	Endorsed
R23	Drinking Water Protection and Private Managed Forest Land	Village of Cumberland	Endorsed
R24	Community Climate Action Plans	Comox Valley RD	Endorsed
R25	Funding for Compliance with Landfill Operation and Closure Legislation	Central Coast RD	Endorsed
R26	Risk Assessments of Potential Threats to Natural Assets	Town of Gibsons	Endorsed
R27	De-Centralizing Forest Management on Vancouver Island & Coast	Municipality of North Cowichan	Endorsed
R28	Reconsideration of Process to Phase Out Discovery Islands Fish Farms	City of Campbell River	Not Endorsed
R29	Amendments to the Aquaculture Act	City of Campbell River	Endorsed
R30	Tree Management in Electoral Areas	RD of Nanaimo	Endorsed
R31	Internet Access in Health Care	qathet RD	Endorsed
R32	Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates	City of Victoria	Endorsed
R33	Paid Sick Leave for Workers	City of Victoria	Endorsed
R34	Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency	District of Saanich	Endorsed
R35	Opioid Crisis	Capital RD	Endorsed
R36	Farmers' Markets as Essential Services During Local Emergencies	Village of Cumberland	Endorsed
R37	Improved Access to Detox and Treatment Centres	City of Port Alberni	Endorsed
R38	Acquisition of Apartment Buildings for Affordable Housing	City of Victoria	Endorsed
R39	Enhanced Communications to Address Homelessness Related Issues	City of Courtenay	Endorsed
R40	Unauthorized Camping Crisis	Alberni-Clayoquot RD	Endorsed
R41	Funding for Small Communities to Attend AVICC	Central Coast RD	Endorsed
R42	Funding for Small Communities to Attend UBCM	Central Coast RD	Endorsed
R43	Community to Community Forum Grants	District of Port Hardy	Endorsed

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

ER1) Postpone Termination of CARIP Funding

AVICC Executive

Whereas the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) has provided 187 local governments with a valuable financial incentive to achieve the goals of the Climate Action Charter and significant progress has been made in reducing corporate emissions, measuring and reporting on community GHG profiles, and creating energy efficient rural and urban communities;

And whereas local governments have come to rely on CARIP funding, and the termination of this funding stream in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic will exacerbate the financial challenges that local governments and their constituents are currently experiencing;

And Climate Change is an ongoing emergency requiring Climate Action from all levels of government:

Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to postpone the termination of Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program funding until such time as local governments have been adequately consulted on continued Provincial support for the provision of greener and more livable communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The AVICC Executive has authority under section 4.26 of the Association's bylaws to submit any matter not requiring a special resolution to the members at a general meeting at any time. The Executive is using this authority to put forward a resolution to the members requesting the Province postpone the termination of Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) funding. The termination of the funding was announced on May 11th.

The Executive believes that the termination was done in the absence of understanding the impacts on the numerous local governments that have come to rely on this funding. The Executive seeks a mandate from AVICC members to advocate that the Province reconsider this decision, and undertake appropriate consultation with local governments prior to any further consideration of CARIP program termination.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ELECTIONS

1) Reinstate Three-Year Local Government Terms of Office

City of Nanaimo

Whereas three-year terms allow greater accountability to voters, who are able to show, through elections, their regard for the directions their local governments are taking;

And whereas four-year terms are an onerous commitment for many, and more likely to make potential candidates willing to stand for election hesitant to do so:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to reinstate three-year local government terms of office.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Resolution 2018-R5 titled *Rescind Four-Year Local Government Term* was not endorsed by AVICC membership in 2018, and did not go forward to UBCM. The UBCM membership has considered a number of resolutions on this topic seeking to increase the interval from a three-year to a four-year term, with some being endorsed and others not. They include:

- 2013-B94 - Endorsed
- 2010-A2 - Not Endorsed
- 2007-B95 - Endorsed
- 2006-A9 - Not Endorsed

The Committee notes that the current policy of UBCM supports the four-year term that is currently in place so the recommendation to not endorse has been put forward.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

2) Electronic Permit and Public Hearing Notification

Islands Trust

Whereas the *Local Government Act*, Part 14, Divisions 3 and 8, requires that local governments give notice of public hearings in two consecutive issues of a gazette newspaper, and temporary use permits in one issue of a gazette newspaper;

And whereas many small communities no longer have local newspapers, or a newspaper that meets the definition of gazette in the *Interpretation Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to update the *Local Government Act* to allow temporary use permit and public hearing notifications to be provided electronically, via an application or website if the local government can demonstrate equal or greater ability to reach relevant constituents than a regular printed local newspaper.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that call for a review and amendments to the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* to address the statutory

advertising provisions that require newspaper advertising for public notices (2019-B1, 2018-B1, 2017-B1, 2016-B1, 2015-B88).

In its response to 2019-B1 the Province indicated: “Research and policy work will continue to focus on balancing key local government system principles –such as transparency and accountability -with local government’s requests for additional flexibility in statutory notice requirements. Once the work is completed, outcomes and findings will be shared with the UBCM Executive for discussion and consultation on possible next steps.”

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

3) Extending the Life of Fire Apparatus

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Fire Underwriters Survey requires that in order to receive credit for fire insurance grading purposes, all first line fire apparatus in small and rural communities should be replaced after 20 years of service and may only be extended up to 25 years when fire apparatus is tested and proven to be in excellent mechanical condition;

And whereas small and rural local governments often are financially challenged to replace high cost and minimally used fire apparatus on a 20-25-year rotational basis:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province to advocate to the Insurance Bureau of Canada for the recognition and acceptance of an annual professional engineer certification of the mechanical condition of fire fighting apparatuses to extend service life beyond 20 years.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking flexibility from the Fire Underwriters Survey in setting requirements and guidelines to accommodate the particular challenges faced by fire services (2020-EB11, 2016-B5, 2014-B49, 2011-B2, 2009-B5, 2008-B60).

Following the endorsement of resolution 2016-B5, UBCM delivered correspondence to the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS), requesting a meeting to discuss equipment requirements for local fire departments. FUS did not respond to the letter; and, has previously shown reluctance to engage in substantive discussion with UBCM regarding equipment standards.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

4) Medical Cannabis Production Sites

Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas Canada has exclusive jurisdiction over medical cannabis production sites, and such sites may be located irrespective of local government regulations and operated in a manner which causes deleterious impacts to communities;

And whereas a fundamental purpose of local governments is to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of communities, and by sharing information and coordinating services with Canada in relation to medical cannabis production sites, local governments will be better able to satisfy this purpose:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that Canada work with local governments to establish a framework for sharing information and coordinating services in relation to medical cannabis production sites to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions, which in part, sought more local government involvement over medical cannabis production (either personal or commercial), to ensure respect for local bylaws and zoning and ensure community safety. These include:

- 2020-EB16 - called for expanded legislative framework for local authorities to oversee building and fire safety requirements for cannabis production facilities, and for local governments to be notified of locations to ensure enforcement of local bylaws to mitigate safety risks.
- 2018-B7 - called for local governments to be notified of locations with medical cannabis personal production licenses to ensure the safety of first responders who may attend these locations.
- 2018-B93 - called for mandatory ventilation systems in all commercial and personal production sites, and the ability for Health Canada inspectors to enter these sites to ensure compliance.
- 2012-B111 - called for medical cannabis producers (personal and commercial) to be required to obtain a municipal license or permit to ensure compliance with local bylaws and all electrical, fire, health, building and safety regulations.

The federal government has not responded to any of the resolutions listed above.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

5) Consultation by Ministry Prior to Undertaking Works on Highways

Town of Gibsons

Whereas the BC government has ownership of and jurisdiction over arterial provincial highways that are located in municipalities;

And whereas municipalities have authority under the *Community Charter* to manage and regulate highways such as streets, roads, lanes, bridges, viaducts, sidewalks and other ways open to public use;

And whereas municipalities require the approval of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure before regulating or prohibiting traffic on arterial provincial highways;

And whereas municipalities experience economic, ecological and logistical impacts whenever the Ministry of Transportation undertakes works on any arterial provincial highway that intersects with any municipal ways open to the public:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to require the Ministry of Transportation, when working on arterial provincial highways, conduct meaningful consultation with local governments and residents of all municipalities located within the highway corridor throughout the planning stages of the project and before the work has commenced.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2000-B65, which asked the provincial government to consult with local governments during the planning and implementation of improvements to provincial highways, in order to ease and minimize the impact of the improvements on surrounding local governments and residents.

More generally, the Committee would reference member-endorsed resolution 2019-SR1, calling on the Province to ensure that the principles of mutual respect, consultation and cooperation as outlined in s. 2 of the *Community Charter* are adhered to and implemented as it moves forward with future initiatives.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

6) Regional District Requisitions to Municipalities

City of Parksville

Whereas section 386 of the *Local Government Act* requires a municipality to charge out the regional district requisition on an assessment base or as a parcel tax;

And whereas when the service is billed to the municipality based on something other than assessment base, the municipality should have the option to bill said charge out based on volume flow or based on assessment and not mandated to use only the assessment base:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting a change be made to the *Local Government Act* section 386 (1) (c) notwithstanding section 386 (1) (a), in the case of an amount to be recovered where the charge to be recovered is itself based on a

volume flow charge, the option is available to impose a fee based on the flows used or consumed by the tax base.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the *Local Government Act* section 386 (1) (c) notwithstanding section 386 (1) (a), in the case of an amount to be recovered where the charge to be recovered is itself based on a volume flow charge, the option is available to impose a fee based on the flows used or consumed by the tax base.

The sponsor has noted that due to the requirement to charge out on an assessment or parcel tax basis, it unfairly charges those with larger assessments versus those that have high volumes of usage and low assessments. The sponsor used sewage as an example where the city pays for the service based on volume to the treatment facility.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

7) Provincial Tax Sharing and Local Fuel Tax

City of Courtenay

Whereas costs, regulations, and responsibilities for municipalities are increasing at an unsustainable rate;

And whereas some traditionally provincial or federal funded responsibilities have shifted to local government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the Province to work with municipalities towards sharing:

- Sales Tax
- Liquor Tax
- Property Transfer Tax

And be it further resolved that the Province support and simplify the creation of local fuel taxes for municipalities as an additional revenue stream.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions asking the Province to share with local governments a portion of:

- Sales Tax (2020-EB34, 2012-B11).
- Liquor Tax (2019-B31, 2014-B60, 2011-B26, 2004-B111)

- Property Transfer Tax (2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).

However, the Committee advises that the membership has not considered a resolution asking the Province to create a local fuel tax for local governments as an additional revenue stream.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to share a portion of the Provincial fuel tax to support:

- active transportation infrastructure (2013-B99);
- road rehabilitation (2012-B19);
- fund the growing needs of communities, but cannot continue to increase property taxes (2010-B24);
- transportation initiatives and road infrastructure and rehabilitation (2007-B21);
- road maintenance and transit services (2005-B20, 2003-B65); and
- transportation infrastructure (2003-B60).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

8) Audited Financial Statements for Municipally-Owned Corporations

City of Powell River

Whereas the Inspector of Municipalities requires that new business corporations mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in their corporate articles;

And whereas municipally-owned corporations may consider business ventures or partnerships with other business corporations for which the articles of incorporation may not include the requirement for audited financial statements:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to legislate changes to mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in the articles of incorporation for municipally-owned corporations and the entities for which the municipally-owned corporations hold significant influence or control.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to legislate changes to mandate the preparation of audited financial statements in the articles of incorporation for municipally-owned corporations and the entities for which the municipally-owned corporations hold significant influence or control.

The Committee notes that upon review of the background information, the Province has advised the sponsor that “(L)ocal governments have the authority to set internal policies around their partnership

agreements and if a municipality is concerned with some aspect of the partnership, it could hire an independent auditor to examine the process.” The question is whether local governments wish to seek legislative measures as the sponsor is requesting, or implement their own internal policies to address this situation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

9) COVID Safe Restart Grant Inequity for Electoral Areas

Capital RD

Whereas the Capital Regional District, received a funding allocation of \$1.421M under the safe restart grant based on two per capita amounts formulae: \$8.13 for rural populations and \$3.10 for all populations, and a flat funding amount;

And whereas the safe restart program takes into account the unique structure of regional districts as a service provider, with differing per capita amounts, there is a significant disparity between the per capita allocation for Electoral Areas versus local municipalities with a similar population:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to provide more equitable safe restart grant funding to Regional District Electoral Areas in comparison to the funding provided to local municipalities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide more equitable Safe Restart Grant funding to Regional District Electoral Areas in comparison to the funding provided to local municipalities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2020-SR7 that asked the Province to work collaboratively with UBCM to identify the health, safety, social and economic challenges facing BC communities and provide corresponding financial support that will aid local governments in the Province’s overall COVID-19 recovery effort.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

10) Income Tax Credit/Deduction for Workers in Isolated Areas

District of Port Hardy

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

And whereas the provincial government has recognized the need to compensate provincial employees through an isolation allowance, which includes additional pay and vacation allowances for employees who work in posted isolated location points:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide a tax credit/deduction to workers living in communities **that** are included in **the Province's list of** posted isolated location points.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2019-B22 Isolation Allowance which asked the provincial and federal governments to provide a tax credit/deduction to all employees living in and around the same communities that those governments recognize with Isolation Allowance.

The membership also endorsed a similar resolution in 2018-B152 asking the federal government to establish an application process for a Rural Living Allowance to residents of rural communities meeting the criteria of a lack of medical services, government services or basic consumer supplies such as groceries, travel barriers and significant economic downturn as determined by the Treasury Board of Canada.

Members have endorsed resolutions related to the increased travel costs facing rural communities to access medical and other services not readily available in smaller more remote communities. Members specifically endorsed 2003-B140 requesting that the Travel Assistance Program funding be extended to include travel costs for rural or remote residents requiring access to physiotherapy services. A similar resolution was endorsed in 2005-B16.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

11) Development Cost Charges for Local Government Facilities

District of Lantzville

Whereas the *Local Government Act*, Section 559, authorizes a local government to impose, by bylaw, development cost charges on every person who obtains approval for development, for the purpose of providing funds to assist the local government to pay the capital cost of providing, constructing, altering or expanding sewage, water, drainage and highway facilities, and providing and improving parkland to service, directly or indirectly, the development for which the charge is being imposed;

And whereas in the same manner that development results in a capital cost burden on a local government for sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities, and parkland, the burden of providing, constructing, altering or expanding local government facilities is also incurred by a local government as a result of development:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM be requested to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to propose that the *Local Government Act*, Part 14, Division 19 [Development Costs Recovery] be amended to authorize a local government to impose a development cost charge for local government facilities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed SR2 in 2019 that specifically sought the modernization of development financing that would identify approaches to:

- Capture growth related capital costs, including, but not limited to infrastructure needed to support: emergency services, solid waste, cultural services, transit, recreation, affordable housing and the expansion of sport-related park services;
- Provide local government with the flexibility to ensure that financing growth-related infrastructure services better reflects community circumstances and community objectives; and
- Creates a consistent approach to land value capture and amenity charges that reduces the uncertainty associated with negotiated agreements.

In addition to 2019-SR2, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that call for the expanded application of Development Cost Charges (DCC) beyond their current allowable usages to a variety of specific usages including solid waste infrastructure, fire halls and fire suppression equipment and sport related park infrastructure (2020-NR23, 2018-B21, 2016-SR1, 2015-B21, 2012-B9, 2012-B54, 2011-B35, 2010-B23, 2007-B37, 2005-B95).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

12) Contaminants Released from Wastewater Treatment Plants

City of Powell River

Whereas contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) are found in the sewage sludge of wastewater treatment plants and are then dispersed to the environment and food chain through aerosolization, marine discharge, and land application of biosolids;

And whereas CECs have been found to have negative effects on human and wildlife health:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to establish sampling protocols and introduce specific measures for monitoring and reducing levels of contaminants of emerging concern from wastewater treatment plants in order to prevent adverse impacts to human and wildlife health in three receiving environments: air, water and land.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to establish sampling protocols and introduce specific measures for monitoring and reducing levels of contaminants of emerging concern from wastewater treatment plants in order to prevent adverse impacts to human and wildlife health in three receiving environments: air, water and land.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse 2019-B150 from the same sponsor, that called for the creation of standards for microplastics that can pass through wastewater treatment plants that can enter the waterways and be distributed on to land.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

13) Reform of the BC Utilities Commission

City of Powell River

Whereas the Province of British Columbia and municipalities share common goals of:

- a) reducing carbon emissions through electrification of buildings and transportation
- b) improving energy affordability and reducing the incidence of poverty, and
- c) enhancing local energy resilience and self-sufficiency in municipalities and Indigenous communities;

And whereas the British Columbia Utilities Commission is currently governed by outdated legislation that limits its ability to guide the transformation of BC's energy system and its ability to direct utilities to realign their activities in line with the objectives stated above:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend and modernize the *Utilities Commission Act*, expanding the scope of the BCUC's mandate and giving it clear direction to consider environmental, equity, resilience, and reconciliation objectives in its decision-making.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend and modernize the *Utilities Commission Act*, expanding the scope of the BCUC's mandate and giving it clear direction to consider environmental, equity, resilience, and reconciliation objectives in its decision-making.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

14) Right to Repair

City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria

Whereas the longevity of items is decreasing because manufacturers are deliberately designing products to be disposable;

And whereas citizens and businesses are deterred from repairing their belongings by companies that claim ownership over the intellectual property in their products, fail to provide parts or other aspects that make it hard to repair items:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to draft and enact Right to Repair legislation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to draft and enact Right to Repair legislation.

The Committee would recommend that the sponsor provide additional detail in the enactment clause to identify what elements should be included in the new legislation. Without this clarity it is difficult to understand what would be required, how it would be implemented and the implications of the new legislation. As a result of this lack of clarity the Committee has offered no recommendation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

15) Moratorium on Recreational Wolf Hunting

District of Oak Bay

Whereas the public and wildlife conservation organizations are concerned about provincial regulations for recreational wolf hunting practices and believe that these practices should be re-examined for scientific and ethical reasons;

And whereas very little scientific evidence exists about the size of the wolf population or the sustainability of impacts of unrestricted harvesting levels on bio-diversity related to habitats and wildlife ecology, especially at the regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the provincial government to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the wolf population.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the wolf population. The Committee also notes that the membership has not endorsed any previous hunting moratoriums.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

16) Clean and Renewable Energy Regulatory Framework

Village of Cumberland

Whereas local governments are required to set greenhouse gas reduction targets and transition towards becoming more compact, complete and energy-efficient communities;

And whereas communities may have opportunities to create clean and renewable energy projects, such as micro-hydro, geothermal, tidal and solar power;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia explore changes to the regulatory framework to support communities in partnering with BC Hydro to provide safe reliable clean energy and to generate revenue sources to support local economies.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to explore changes to the regulatory framework to support communities in partnering with BC Hydro to provide safe reliable clean energy and to generate revenue sources to support local economies.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions over the years supporting the research, development and implementation of clean energy alternatives such as wind, solar, tidal and geothermal (2014-B32, 2008-B41, 2007-B129, 2001 Energy Forum recommendations).

Members have also requested that BC Hydro be directed to:

- reinstate funding and electricity purchase program for renewable energy projects for local government (2020-N49);
- pursue improvements in energy efficiency and low impact renewable energy sources (2006-B26); and
- ensure BC Hydro's mandate be restored to develop sustainable alternative energy options (2009-B45).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

17) Climate Leadership

City of Victoria

Whereas coming out of a workshop at AVICC in 2019, the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan (VICC-CLP) steering committee was formed with representatives nominated from each Regional District in the AVICC region to develop a 2030 Climate Action Plan for the AVICC Region;

And whereas on November 6th 2020, the VICC-CLP steering committee along with faculty and students from the University of Victoria with whom VICC-CLP has been working held a day-long workshop for elected officials and staff in the AVICC region to develop preliminary 2030 Climate

Action Goals, noting that in March 2021 the VICC-CLP steering committee will hold two further workshops, one with youth and one with First Nations to ensure that the 2030 Climate Action plan is also grounded in youth experience and Indigenous cultural knowledge:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC membership endorses in principle the directions laid out in the "[Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals Working Draft](#)" and requests that the VICC-CLP also grounds the plan in the cultural and land-based knowledge of Indigenous peoples and the experiences of youth, and that the AVICC membership requests that the VICC-CLP steering committee present a final plan for the membership's consideration at AVICC 2022.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the AVICC membership has not previously considered a resolution to endorse the "Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Goals Working Draft".

The AVICC Executive notes that one of the goals in the draft is: "*create an advocacy, education and action plan for all local governments through AVICC, including hazard mapping to support appropriate land use and resilience planning*". There is not sufficient information provided on what is being asked of AVICC to provide a recommendation. The sponsor will be asked to clarify the following questions during their 3-minute address on the resolution:

- What is the specific ask of AVICC?
- What is the anticipated cost?
- What are the implications to AVICC?

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

18) Help Cities Lead

City of Courtenay

Whereas building retrofits help drive deep building-sector emissions reductions, respiratory illness reductions, building operating cost reductions, and job creation, yet local governments are currently constrained with existing legislation;

And whereas Integral Group modelling has shown that when implemented together, these five actions complement each other:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM prevail upon the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLCI), and Attorney-General and Ministry responsible for Housing to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement the first three measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings;
- Home energy labelling; and

- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation;

And be it further resolved that the Province enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings;
- Building energy benchmarking and reporting.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions to address most of the requests found in this resolution, including:

- Home energy labelling (2020-NR52, 2014-B93);
- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation (2019-B140);
- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25); and
- Building energy benchmarking and reporting (2020-EB58, 2019-B142, 2018-B31, 2018-B32, 2017-B62, 2014-B94).

In 2020, UBCM also released the recommendations of the Special Committee on Climate Action which called for funding and capacity building resources to support a low carbon future. The recommendations outline concrete actions that can be taken for buildings, transportation, solid waste, resilience, land use-planning, social mobilization and governance. In particular, the recommendations called for retrofit incentive programs, a low carbon building step retrofit code, and the addition of carbon metrics to the Energy Step Code.

However, the Committee advises that the membership has rejected resolutions that sought to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, including 2020-NEB8 and 2019-B152.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

19) Developing a Vision to End Energy Poverty

City of Powell River

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has a legislated target of reducing poverty in British Columbia by 25% by 2024 as part of the TogetherBC plan;

And whereas there are over 270,000 households in British Columbia that experience energy poverty, struggling to afford basic energy services like heating, lighting and cooking, and experiencing negative health, social and economic impacts as a result:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to set a clear vision and targets to end energy poverty in BC within the next ten years, taking action on the three key drivers of energy poverty: low incomes, high energy costs, and poor energy efficiency in homes.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to set a clear vision and targets to end energy poverty in BC within the next ten years, taking action on the three key drivers of energy poverty: low incomes, high energy costs, and poor energy efficiency in homes.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that separately address:

- Low incomes (Poverty reduction strategy: 2016-B47, 2015-B44) and (Income supports for food security: 2019-B69, 2013-B55, 2013-B56).
- High energy costs (2019-B73, 2018-B76, 2016-B48, 2015-B40).
- Poor energy efficiency in homes (2018-B31, 2018-B32, 2014-B28).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

20) BC Circular Economy Strategy

City of Nanaimo, City of Victoria

Whereas the provisioning and management of goods and food consumed by BC communities produces excessive and unnecessary quantities of waste, pollution and carbon emissions that threatens environmental health;

And whereas the concept of a Circular Economy provides a vision and framework to design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use and regenerate natural systems to help BC communities move towards Zero Waste;

And whereas the Province has yet to develop a comprehensive strategy to transition BC's economy to a circular one:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the province of BC develop a provincial Circular Economy strategy.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed resolutions that support the creation of a circular economy. In particular, resolution 2017-B63 which called on the Province to develop a provincial zero waste strategy.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

21) Province-Wide Strategy to Manage Construction and Demolition Waste

City of Nanaimo

Whereas construction and demolition waste comprises approximately 2.8 million metric tonnes of materials annually in British Columbia, and about one-third of municipal solid waste disposed in the province;

And whereas the materials disposed could have been resold, reused or recycled, they represent sources of embodied carbon, and deconstruction provides six times more job opportunities;

And whereas recent research in just Metro Vancouver suggests the value of salvageable wood at \$343 million annually, and the addition of other materials and other regions would radically increase this number of value:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy develop a plan, including changes to regulations, provincial procurement policy, and economic and industrial policy, to significantly reduce construction and demolition waste.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to develop a plan, including changes to regulations, provincial procurement policy, and economic and industrial policy, to significantly reduce construction and demolition waste.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported a number of resolutions addressing the safe handling and disposal of drywall and gypsum, and the asbestos that can be found in those products (2017-B25, 2017-B45, 2017-B97, 2016-B143, 2012-B81).

The membership has also endorsed a similar resolution calling for the creation of an extended producer responsibility program for construction waste, which would address several elements of the enactment clause (2010-B90).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

22) Illegal Dumping in Electoral Areas

RD of Nanaimo

Whereas illegal dumping of waste on Crown land and provincial rights-of-way continues to be a growing problem, particularly in rural locations, resulting in unsightly and dangerous refuse deposits in natural areas;

And whereas local governments contribute significant resources to mitigate illegal dumping, and the Province has the mandate for illegal dumping enforcement on Crown land:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to report out on the action of the provincial working group, review resources and strategies for addressing illegal dumping and optimize partnerships with local governments to more effectively combat this problem.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to report out on the action of the provincial working group, review resources and strategies for addressing illegal dumping and optimize partnerships with local governments to more effectively combat this problem.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that address illegal dumping (2020-EB56, 2018-B36, 2017-B25, 2017-B64, 2017-B97, 2012-B29, 2011-B89). In particular, Resolution 2017-B64 called for the Province to create a single ministry to be responsible for the regulation of illegal dumping, including enforcement.

The Committee would note that the whereas clauses do not reference any illegal dumping working group while the enactment clause does.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

23) Drinking Water Protection and Private Managed Forest Land

Village of Cumberland

Whereas the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* identifies the protection of drinking water, both during and after harvesting, as a management objective;

And whereas private managed forest land located within and adjacent to community drinking water systems limit the ability of local governments to protect and control drinking water supply areas;

And whereas the Province of BC enacted the *Drinking Water Protection Act* to ensure the provision of safe drinking water, and local governments have improved treatment of community drinking water with significant financial support of senior government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia establish programs for local governments to work with private managed forest landowners to assess risks to drinking water systems and priority land acquisition for lands where harvesting is identified as a significant risk to the provision of safe drinking water.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to regulate private land logging in the same manner as crown land and to ensure that local

governments are consulted in advance of harvesting to prevent damage to watersheds and other infrastructure (2020-EB48, 2020-EB65, 2019-B38, 2019-B46, 2019-B48, 2019-B49, 2018-B42, 2011-B50, 2010-B26, 2008-B34, 2006-B102, 2005-B27).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

24) Community Climate Action Plans

Comox Valley RD

Whereas 493 local governments across Canada, including dozens in BC, have adopted climate emergency declarations;

And whereas there is an urgent need for local governments to develop community climate action plans with clearly articulated targets, but local governments lack the financial resources to effectively implement such plans to mitigate the impacts of climate change:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government provide sustained financial support for local community climate action planning and implementation that serves to meet the goals of CleanBC.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to commit to meeting reduction targets for greenhouse gas emission, as well as requesting funding for local government to continue undertaking climate action plans and projects (2019-B138, 2019-B139, 2019-B141, 2014-B26, 2012-B25, 2011-B98, 2010-B40, 2010-B71, 2010-B76, 2010-B84, 2010-B86, 2009-B113, 2009-B134, 2008-B72, 2008-B74, 2008-B76, 2008-B79, 2008-B91, 2008-B148, 2007-B33, 2007-B35, 2007-B177, 2007-LR4, 2006-B27, 2006-B109, 2006-B145, 2005-B28, 2004-B79, 2001-SR3, 2001-Energy Forum Recommendations).

In 2020, UBCM also released the recommendations of the Special Committee on Climate Action which called for funding and capacity building resources to support a low carbon future. The recommendations outline concrete actions that can be taken for buildings, transportation, solid waste, resilience, land use-planning, social mobilization and governance.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

25) Funding for Compliance with Landfill Operation and Closure Legislation

Central Coast RD

Whereas provincial legislation governing solid waste management in British Columbia has increasingly tightened over the past several years to address important environmental concerns and thereby downloaded new costs onto local governments who must operate or retire their landfills in compliance with new provincial priorities;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has not developed an equitable or effective fiscal strategy to resource local governments to meet these new landfill operation and closure costs, thereby forcing some local governments to operate, and consider retiring their landfills, under “grandfathered”, outdated, and environmentally unsound legislative criteria in order to cope with the substantial and unforeseen costs of compliance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance related projects so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner and obligations to First Nations may be better met in acknowledgment of Indigenous rights and title to impacted lands and water.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance related projects so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner and obligations to First Nations may be better met in acknowledgment of Indigenous rights and title to impacted lands and water.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2016-B27 that addresses the Landfill Operational Certificates and their resulting higher standards and increasing costs to local governments to operate landfills. The resolution called for provincial funding to assist local governments in their waste management initiatives that address the new standards.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

26) Risk Assessments of Potential Threats to Natural Assets

Town of Gibsons

Whereas local governments are working to prepare their communities for the impacts of climate change including increased severity of rain events, floods, fires, landslides and droughts, by working to develop co-governance and management plans and investing in the assessment, monitoring and, where appropriate, restoration of natural assets such as forests and creeks that provide vital ecosystems services;

And whereas the provincial government issues forestry and mining operating licenses and permits for the industrial activity taking place on Crown Lands and where these projects could have a potentially-negative impact on the downstream communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to, in their consideration of these projects, include a referral to affected local governments and undertake risk assessments to identify and assess any potential threats to the natural assets that communities rely on to provide essential services such as drinking water and flood mitigation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions that seek better land use planning that ensures decision making takes into account the cumulative effects on the environment, such as watersheds (2020-EB61, 2019-B36, 2019-B155, 2018-B34, 2017-B65, 2017-B115, 2016-B25).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B33, 2018-B37, 2018-B94, 2018-B123, 2016-B56, 2015-B6, 2015-B7, 2015-B97, 2014-B75, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-A2, 2012-B3, 2012-B4, 2012-B62, 2011-B11, 2011-B12, 2011-B79, 2010-B8).

In particular, 2020-NR16, that was endorsed by the UBCM Executive, requested that the federal and provincial governments:

- implement requirements for incorporating green infrastructure and nature-based solutions in flood management to ensure effective flood mitigation; and,
- promote natural assets as a viable emergency planning solution and provide appropriate funding through specific grants and programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

27) De-Centralizing Forest Management on Vancouver Island & Coastal BC

Municipality of North Cowichan

Whereas the forest sector in British Columbia has been on a steady decline in recent decades, with dozens of mill closures, thousands of middle-class jobs lost, and once-thriving rural communities experiencing severe economic decline;

And whereas many communities across British Columbia and globally have demonstrated that when local people are empowered to manage public forests and other resources through community forest licenses, regional trusts and other community-based governance models, they can enhance environmental sustainability and climate change resilience, provide stable and fulfilling employment, improve equity and fairness, and advance meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

And whereas the region of Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, the North Coast and the Central Coast ("Vancouver Island and the Coast") would be well-suited for a pilot for a de-centralized forestry management model because of its strong record of success in community-based forestry management, exceptional local interest in forest practices, and history in land use planning at a macro-regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Province of British Columbia move to establish a decentralized forest management model for Vancouver Island and the Coast that will empower local people in decision-making, and, as a first step, appoint a Forester General for the region who will undertake the following actions:

- Consult with First Nations, local communities, labour unions, industry, small business, and the broader public on current challenges with the Vancouver Island and Coast forest sector;
- Carry out region-specific analyses of the opportunities to increase employment and value-added manufacturing, restrict raw log exports, improve environmental sustainability, enhance climate change resilience, expand recreation and tourism, and advance meaningful reconciliation with First Nations;
- Develop a regional land use plan for Vancouver Island and the Coast based on broad consultations; and
- Recommend next steps for empowering Vancouver Island and the Coast in the management of forestry and related resources.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is very regional in nature, focusing on communities in the geography covered by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

The Committee notes that the same sponsor submitted a similar resolution, UBCM 2020-C16, which was placed in UBCM's Part C, and referred back to AVICC as it was deemed too regional in nature. The referred resolution is included at the end of the Resolutions as RR1.

The Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed a similar resolution, 2019-B156, also from the same sponsor, but it took a more province-wide focus. It called for the establishment of a Forest Charter; adopting a region-based forest management model that empowers communities, and the appointment of a Forester General to serve as a new independent officer who will report annually to the Legislature and work with the diverse regions of our province on local land planning processes,

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to work with local governments and First Nations to improve the community benefits of forest resources (2018-B44, 2017-B36, 2016-B32, 2015-B37, 2015-B38, 2015-B63, 2013-B79, 2013-B105, 2012-B33, 2012-B109, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B104, 2011-B105, 2011-B167, 2010-B40, 2010-B104, 2010-B105, 2009-B47, 2009-B128, 2009-B131, 2008-B36, 2008-B37, 2007-B43, 2007-B44).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

28) Reconsideration of Process to Phase Out Discovery Islands Fish Farms City of Campbell River

Whereas aquaculture is an important economic driver for the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas the federal government's decision to phase out existing salmon farming facilities in the Discovery Islands by June 30, 2022, creates financial, economic and social damages to workers, families, businesses and communities on Vancouver Island, across British Columbia and beyond:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to lobby the federal government to reconsider the process of phasing out salmon farms in the Discovery Islands area of BC and meet with industry and local government representatives immediately to begin a meaningful dialogue to minimize the damage of the Discovery Islands decision and chart a course for the future of the BC salmon farming industry.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to lobby the federal government to reconsider the process of phasing out salmon farms in the Discovery Islands area of BC and meet with industry and local government representatives immediately to begin a meaningful dialogue to minimize the damage of the Discovery Islands decision and chart a course for the future of the BC salmon farming industry. The Discovery Islands decision was made by the federal government in December 2020. Prior to this decision the federal government had committed to transitioning BC's open net pen operations by 2025.

Following the Discovery Islands decision, the UBCM President wrote to the federal DFO Minister on March 3, 2021 expressing concerns about the 2022 decision in light of the earlier 2025 date; but also UBCM policy that supports a transition to closed containment, not shut down fish farm operations. The following extracts are from UBCM President Frenkel's letter to DFO Minister Bernadette Jordan, copied to the provincial government:

"We wish to note that UBCM members have supported, by resolution, the transition of open net pen operations to closed containment. Resolution 2018-A2 specifically asked that consultations occur with First Nations governments, local governments, conservation organizations and industry on a transition plan to closed-containment aquaculture, including a just transition for affected workers."

....

"Our concern is that these decisions [previous reference to Broughton Archipelago Agreement] are being made without any consultation with local government. We would question if either order of government has given consideration to the cumulative economic impacts and social costs that are being borne by these coastal communities. Will there be support to transition workers and communities that will be affected by these decisions? We would note that communities, businesses and residents are already struggling to manage within a challenging pandemic environment."

It is UBCM's understanding that there is presently a consultation process underway with affected communities around the 2025 transition plan.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

29) Amendments to the Aquaculture Act

City of Campbell River

Whereas aquaculture is an important economic driver for the Province of British Columbia, particularly on Vancouver Island;

And whereas the proposed Aquaculture Act must ensure decisions are based on scientific facts and technology, and take into consideration all stakeholder input:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to lobby the federal government to ensure that the proposed Aquaculture Act include language which ensures that all decisions on the management of aquaculture on the BC Coastline are based on science and evidence-based information with clear understanding of the advancement in technology and include all representatives of local or regional communities as stakeholders.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2018-B73, that asked the Province to ensure that all decisions with regards to the management of all fisheries, and protection of the natural environment, are made based on current data, technology, science and traditional knowledge.

The Committee also notes that the members have endorsed a number of resolutions in support of actions for the protection of fish and fish habitat (2013-B28, 2012-B80, 2009-B126, 2005-B38, 1997-B48, 1996-B68).

The Committee would also note that UBCM made a submission to the Aquaculture Policy Directorate in response to the federal government's request for comment on the development of an Aquaculture Act. In addition to providing UBCM member resolutions & policy, the following extracts from the cover letter speak to the role and interests of local government :

"UBCM recognizes the complex, multi-jurisdictional nature of aquaculture. We also recognize the local economic significance of this sector to many coastal communities; and the importance of protecting wild fish species as well. The attached resolutions speak to the membership's desire to be consulted and engaged in the management of all fisheries. " ...

"As the Aquaculture Policy Directorate moves forward to develop a new Aquaculture Act, we would request that any new legislation acknowledge the role of local governments. In BC, local governments are recognized as an order of government that needs to be consulted and engaged. "...

"In fact, local government interest in aquaculture is much broader than siting and licencing operations, communities are interested in how the industry will operate and be regulated as the federal government moves to transition BC's open net pen operations by 2025."

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

30) Tree Management in Electoral Areas

RD of Nanaimo

Whereas regional districts have limited regulatory authority for tree management except in relation to protection from certain natural hazards;

And whereas electoral areas have similar concerns and objectives as municipalities in terms of other important aspects of tree management including maintaining tree cover and protecting heritage trees and watershed health;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the *Local Government Act* to provide broader tree management authority to regional districts equivalent to the authority granted by legislation to municipalities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions calling on the Province to grant regional districts the authority to enact tree protection bylaws (2019-B58, 2015-B39, 2003-B41).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

31) Internet Access in Health Care

qathet RD

Whereas reliable, accessible high speed internet access has been determined as essential for a basic quality of life in our society;

And whereas internet access can be unreliable or inaccessible for citizens confined to a health care facility which often leaves them disconnected from their loved ones and their community;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM should advocate for the provincial government to ensure reasonable, reliable and accessible high speed internet access for patients confined to Health Care Facilities across the province.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to ensure reasonable, reliable and accessible high speed internet access for patients confined to Health Care Facilities across the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

32) Increase Disability Benefits and Income Assistance Rates

City of Victoria

Whereas after many years of frozen income assistance rates and only minimal increases to disability benefits the current Provincial Government increased rates, for single people, by \$150 between 2017 and 2019 but most people who receive disability benefits or income assistance continue to live well below the poverty line;

And whereas the Provincial Government added a \$300/month COVID benefit for those receiving disability and income assistance, which temporarily reduced people's risk of losing their housing and increased their access to necessities including food and medical supplies, but as of January 2021 the benefit has been reduced to \$150/month and there is no commitment to provide additional support past March 2021:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM the Province of British Columbia to permanently reinstate the automatic, \$300/month benefit for people receiving disability benefits and income assistance and move to raise disability and income assistance to a livable rate that is above the market basket measure (MBM).

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions requesting increases to income assistance and disability benefits (2018-B163, 2017-B53, 2016-B120, 2013-B55, 2011-B175), however there have been no prior requests for a specific dollar amount.

The Committee notes that the Province has committed to a permanent increase to income and disability assistance of \$175 per month, beginning in April 2021.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

33) Paid Sick Leave for Workers

City of Victoria

Whereas one year into a global pandemic that has killed thousands of British Columbians and millions of people worldwide, there is no legislation ensuring adequate, employer-paid sick days with the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit being temporary, sometimes inaccessible, and not of use for the crucial first few days of an illness;

And whereas if paid sick day legislation had been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced;

And whereas the lack of legislated paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour and women workers who are over-represented in frontline jobs, with low pay, few benefits, and without the ability to work from home:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to legislate a minimum of ten (10) accessible, universal, and permanent, paid sick days for all workers and additional days during public health outbreaks.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to legislate a minimum of ten (10) accessible, universal, and permanent, paid sick days for all workers and additional days during public health outbreaks.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

34) Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency

District of Saanich

Whereas it is understood that opioid addictions continue to cause an ever growing record number of heart breaking deaths and debilitations across the country;

And whereas while we understand the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have recognized these impacts, it remains critically important to advocate for a national public health emergency through the municipal voices provided by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop appropriate comprehensive, holistic Pan-Canadian overdose action plans that include the legislative and funding frameworks for decriminalization, de-stigmatization, free and safe supply, suitable medical treatments and thereby function to holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness and overdose deaths in municipalities across Canada.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution that requests the declaration of a national public health emergency on the overdose crisis.

However, the membership has endorsed several resolutions on this issue, including 2019-B142 which called for a federally supported comprehensive and culturally safe public health approach to the opioid crisis including policy frameworks governing illegal drugs; and resolution 2020-SR8 which called for ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency.

Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency make the same request as Resolution 35 from Capital RD titled: Opioid Crisis, except that Capital RD does not request that the safe drug supply be provided free of cost.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

35) Opioid Crisis

Capital RD

Whereas it is understood that opioid addictions continue to cause an ever growing record number of heart breaking deaths and debilitations across the country;

And whereas while we understand the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have recognized these impacts, it remains critically important to advocate for a national public health emergency through the municipal voices provided by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop appropriate comprehensive, holistic Pan-Canadian overdose action plans that include the legislative and funding frameworks for decriminalization, de-stigmatization, safe supply, suitable medical treatments and thereby function to holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness and overdose deaths in municipalities across Canada.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution that requests the declaration of a national public health emergency on the overdose crisis.

However, the membership has endorsed several resolutions on this issue, including 2019-B142 which called for a federally supported comprehensive and culturally safe public health approach to the opioid crisis including policy frameworks governing illegal drugs; and resolution 2020-SR8 which called for ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency.

Opioid Crisis make the same request as Resolution 34 from Saanich titled: Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency, except that Saanich also requests that the safe drug supply be provided free of cost.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

36) Farmers' Markets as Essential Services During Local Emergencies

Village of Cumberland

Whereas farmers' markets are a key resource in addressing food security during an emergency by providing access to food quickly and efficiently;

And whereas it has been demonstrated that farmers' markets can replace disruptions to food supply chains at the local community level and in times of emergency, for instance in the case of the Quesnel Farmers Market during the 2017 Cariboo Chilcotin wildfires and the closure of Highway 97 over multiple days:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province take the necessary steps to ensure farmers' markets are identified as an essential service during all provincial and local states of emergency.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that a similar resolution, 2020-NR66, was referred to the UBCM Executive due to a lack of time at the 2020 Convention. The Executive determined that no action was required for 2020-NR66 as farmers' markets were already listed as one of the COVID-19 Essential Services. In this current resolution, there is no reference to the COVID-19, instead it makes reference to other emergency situations.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the Province to ensure food security for British Columbians, including:

- Create programs and partnerships to increase community awareness of the benefits of nutritious and affordable food and support regional initiatives to enhance community food security (2019-B66)
- Create programs to promote and develop local food production on farmland and in greenhouses (2011-B100, 2011-B101, 2010-B47, 2008-A2)
- Protection of ALR land and help increase viability of farming and food production (2014-A3, 2011-B48)
- Limit production of cannabis on ALR lands so it is used for food production (2018-B132)
- Provide funding for community farm markets (2010-B96)
- Develop strategies and policies to ensure that BC is self-sufficient in food production by 2020 (2010-B119)
- Develop a 'Buy Local' program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods (2010-B100, 2007-B175, 2002-B98)
- Allow local and/or mobile small-scale abattoir facilities to operate under less stringent facility regulations to allow meat processed in this manner to be sold locally to the public (2016-B39, 2013-B38, 2010-B49, 2008-A2)
- Change school curriculums to include local food production, food security and school gardens (2009-B144)

- Provide resources to enable all local governments to create and implement solutions for supporting local food resilience and supply through food systems planning (2009-B132)
- Increase funding and support for farmers and the agricultural sector (2009-B89, 2009-B50, 2008-B47, 2000-B101)
- Show support for continued existence of agricultural fairs and exhibitions in BC (2013-B82).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

37) Improved Access to Detox and Treatment Centres

City of Port Alberni

Whereas there are extensive wait lists and limited access for individuals seeking entry to provincially funded residential detox and recovery treatment centres;

And whereas individuals struggling with addiction are often required to complete medical detox prior to accessing/obtaining rehabilitation treatment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province to improve access to and reduce wait times for individuals seeking treatment for their addictions through medical detox and rehabilitation treatment centres.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions making similar requests, including those that:

- seek more funding for detox and rehabilitation throughout the Province, particularly in rural and remote communities (2019-B61);
- seek resources to establish sobering and assessment centres (2014-B70);
- seek, in part, more harm reduction services, including detox and treatment beds, to be made available in every local government in BC (2010-B145);
- seek more funding for detox centres in more areas of the Province (2007-B51); and
- seek more regional detox centres (2006-B8).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2020-SR8, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

HOUSING

38) Acquisition of Apartment Buildings for Affordable Housing

City of Victoria

Whereas communities face acute challenges around housing affordability and housing availability, undermining the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities;

And whereas purpose-built rental apartment buildings from previous decades are an essential component of the current rental housing supply, meaning that future renewal of these properties poses substantial opportunities and risks to current occupants as well as local communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to work with local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of land banking purpose-built rental apartment buildings, to preserve and renew this essential component of the affordable rental housing supply.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to work with local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of land banking purpose-built rental apartment buildings, to preserve and renew this essential component of the affordable rental housing supply.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ways to encourage investment in older and new rental housing stock (2018-B56, 2017-B53, 2016-OF1, 2015-B14, 2015-B47, 2015-B48, 2015-B49, 2014-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B143, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-A7, 2007-B40, 2007-B108, 2007-B197, 2006-B118, 2005-B47, 2004-B30, 2000-B77).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

39) Enhanced Communications to Address Homelessness Related Issues

City of Courtenay

Whereas there has been limited communication with local governments regarding Provincial COVID-19 response initiatives to ensure the health and safety of individuals experiencing homelessness and local governments play an integral ongoing role in supporting individuals experiencing homelessness through the support of non-profits, emergency response services, pursuing long-term affordable housing options, and formal communication between governments is vital to enhance homelessness response and support initiatives;

And whereas homelessness response actions undertaken by the provincial government have a direct impact on local government resources such as bylaw enforcement, policing, fire response, land use planning, and the maintenance of public space to ensure safe enjoyment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the provincial government to consult with local governments when planning new housing and facilities to support homeless people.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the the Province to recognize local governments as a key stakeholder in homelessness response and support efforts and be included in related planning processes prior to implementation.

However, the Committee notes that membership has consistently endorsed resolutions emphasizing the importance of communication and consultation with local government (2019-SR1, 2019-B3, 2014-B37, 2013-B34, 2012-B119, 2009-B54, 2009-B141, 2002-SR1, 2001-A9).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a national housing strategy and complementary provincial housing strategy including plans to address homelessness (2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2017-B52, 2017-B98, 2016-B45).

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action on the part of the provincial and federal governments to fund, provide and facilitate affordable and adequate housing in communities, to in part, address homelessness (2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2015-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B94, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64, 2000-B31).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

40) Unauthorized Camping Crisis

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas unauthorized camping has affected in negative ways residents, businesses, the environment and, in many cases, those experiencing homelessness throughout the province;

And whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated the effects of, and very significantly increased the occurrences of, unauthorized camping:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to prioritize working with local governments in understanding the effects of unauthorized camping on all parties and actively participate in mitigating those that are deleterious to the health and welfare of people, to the environment and to business.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2019-B183, calling on the Province to work with local governments to develop policy to address rural homelessness, noting limitations in the province's response to Crown land encampments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a national housing strategy and complementary provincial housing strategy including plans to address homelessness (2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2017-B52, 2017-B98, 2016-B45).

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ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

41) Funding for Small Communities to Attend AVICC

Central Coast RD

Whereas the costs for travel to and attendance at in-person AVICC conventions for very small and remote local governments constitutes a significantly higher percentage of their budgets compared to larger and more urban local governments;

And whereas the number of elected officials who can attend from small and remote communities is therefore significantly impacted and often reduced:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC consider creating a fund to support local governments who experience significant challenges allocating funds to send representatives to the AVICC annual convention.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

If this resolution passes, the AVICC Executive will develop a policy around eligibility (defining what is considered a small and remote community), coverage (what type of costs would be compensated), and funding options (increasing member dues or convention registration fees). The Executive would bring back a report on eligibility, coverage and options for financing the travel and attendance costs for the consideration of the membership at the 2022 Convention.

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered two similar resolutions:

- 2002-B70 was not endorsed; and
- 2019-B178 was referred back to the sponsor for clarification by the UBCM Executive.

The latter resolution's enactment was as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM implement a travel cost equalization policy to ensure local government elected officials from low revenue and rural communities have an equal opportunity to attend and participate in annual UBCM conventions as local governments in relatively close proximity to Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler.

The Resolutions Committee noted that while the sponsor's concerns were valid, there are so many questions that would need to be considered before embarking on any further work; such as funding model; what is definition of rural; how would the program be funded, etc. The Committee also noted that without any direction from the membership it is difficult to know if the membership would be supportive of this approach; or what criteria it would wish to apply; or how the fund would be established. As a result, the Executive asked that 2019-B178 be referred back to the sponsor for them to consider re-submitting in 2020 to allow the membership to debate the matter. The sponsor did not re-submit in 2020 so the matter was not considered.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

42) Funding for Small Communities to Attend UBCM

Central Coast RD

Whereas the costs for travel to and attendance at in-person UBCM conventions for very small and remote local governments constitutes a significantly higher percentage of their budgets compared to larger and more urban local governments;

And whereas the number of elected officials who can attend from small and remote communities is therefore significantly impacted and often reduced:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM consider creating a fund to support local governments who experience significant challenges allocating funds to send representatives to the UBCM annual convention.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

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ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

43) Community to Community Forum Grants

District of Port Hardy

Whereas the importance of open and continuing conversation between local governments and First Nations governments is critical to further reconciliation;

And whereas UBCM's Regional Community to Community Forum (C2C) program is an important resource to assist with these dialogues, it is also important that governments be allowed the flexibility to access this funding when it is most beneficial to the communities:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC ask UBCM to allow the Regional Community to Community Forum grants not be subject to specific deadlines but be made available throughout the year;

And be it further resolved that those granted funds be available for a full calendar year.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Action Required

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the same sponsor submitted the same resolution last year: 2020-NR77. Due to a lack of time at Convention, it was referred to the UBCM Executive. The Executive confirmed the recommendation of: No Action Required. Consequently, it was returned to the sponsor.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolution 2018-B23 calling for stable, ongoing funding programs with systemic, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts, but the present resolution specifically addresses the administration of the C2C Program.

With regards to the C2C program, the Resolutions Committee notes that the program is required to meet the conditions of funding set by the federal government. This includes the restriction that all funded activities must be completed within the fiscal year for which the funding was provided. Consequently, UBCM does not have the ability to adjust program design elements such as those requested in the enactment clause.

However, the program design is also quite flexible, and includes:

- Applicants have the full fiscal year in which they apply to complete their event. For applicants that apply for the spring deadline, this generally means their event can take place at any time in the following 12 months.
- UBCM aims to respond to all applications within 30 days of the deadline.
- Applications can be submitted at any time and are generally reviewed by UBCM and the First Nations Summit after three deadlines each year (which is more than many programs that only offer an annual intake).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED