



ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS PACKAGE

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 75th ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 12 – 14, 2024

Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas St., Victoria BC

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Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities 75th Annual General Meeting & Convention

April 12-14, 2024 – Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street, Victoria



PROGRAM Friday, April 12th, 2024

PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

8:00 am	Registration Desk Opens (Upstairs Lobby)
8:30 am – 11:30 am	Tour: Saanich Forestry Centre Tour (meet at Registration Desk)
8:30 am – 12:30 am	Tour: Metchosin Farm-to-Table Tour (meet at Registration Desk)
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Workshop: housing, Housing, HOUSING! (Carson Hall C)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Chiefs, Mayors and Chairs Forum and Lunch (Sidney Room)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Electoral Area Forum and Lunch (Colwood Room)
1:00 pm	Trade Show Opens (Upstairs Lobby and Carson Hall A)

AGM & CONVENTION MAIN PROGRAM – Carson Hall B & C

2:00 pm	Lekwungen Dancers Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks: President Penny Cote Indigenous Territorial Welcome Welcome from Host: Mayor Marianne Alto
2:20 pm	Nominating Committee Report: Past President Ian Morrison
2:25 pm	Provincial Address: Hon. Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Roly Russell
2:40 pm	Keynote Address: Diane Kalen-Sukra <i>Civic Leaders Unite: Addressing Culture Risk, Fostering Social Cohesion</i>
3:40 pm – 4:05 pm	Refreshment Break (Carson Hall A)
4:05 pm	Nominations from the Floor for Table Officers or Directors at Large
4:10 pm	Island Health Update: Leah Hollins, Chair, Island Health Board of Directors
4:15 pm	Connie Watts, Artist Statement
4:20 pm	Plenary Session: <i>The TRC Calls to Action: A Roadmap to Right Relationships</i>
5:30 pm	Final Comments and Wrap-Up, Door Prize Draw, Adjourn
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception (Upstairs Lobby and Carson Hall A)
5:30 pm	Voting for Table Officers or Directors at Large begins (voting is on-line)

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

The Trade Show is Open from 7:15 – 3:00 pm today

- 7:00 am Breakfast Service Starts ([Upstairs Lobby](#))
- 7:30 am – 8:25 am Working Breakfast: *Inclusive Regional Governance: Toward Shared Decision-Making on Regional District Boards* ([Carson Hall, B & C](#))
- 8:30 am Convention Day 2 – Opening Remarks
Address: UBCM President Trish Mandewo, Councillor, City of Coquitlam
- 8:45 am Annual Meeting and President’s Address
- Convention Rules and Procedures
 - Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting
 - Annual Report
 - 2023 Audited Financial Statements
- 8:55 am Consideration of Resolutions, Session 1
- 9:50 am Municipal Finance Authority Update
- 9:55 am Island Corridor Foundation Update
- 10:05 am – 10:35 am Refreshment Break ([Carson Hall A](#))
- 10:30 am Voting for Table Officers or Directors at Large closes ([voting is on-line](#))
- 10:35 am Community Energy Association Update
- 10:50 am Consideration of Resolutions, Session 2
- 11:45 am Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the Floor for Directors at Large or Electoral Area Representative
- 11:50 am Youth Representative Address
- 11:55 am CREST Emergency Communications Address
- 12:00 pm – 1:25 pm Delegates Lunch – Celebrating AVICC for 75 years!

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm #1 *Building Wildfire Resiliency in Coastal Communities* ([Carson Hall C](#))
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm #2 *First Nations Property Taxation* ([Sidney Room](#))
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm #3 *Open & Closed Meetings: Why Should You Care?* ([Colwood Room](#))
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Refreshment Break ([Carson Hall A](#))
- 3:00 pm Voting for Directors at Large **OR** EA Representative opens ([voting is online if required](#))
- 3:00 pm Trade Show closes
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm #4 *The Future of Energy in BC* ([Sidney Room](#))
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm #5 *Oceans, Oceans, Oceans!* ([Colwood Room](#))
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm #6 *Vancouver Island Circular Economy: Turning Goals into Action* ([Carson Hall C](#))

BANQUET

- 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm Reception and Banquet ([Fairmont Empress, Palm Court and Crystal Ballroom](#))
- 7:30 pm Dinner Service and Remarks
- 9:00 pm Timebenders Experience Band

PROGRAM

Sunday, April 14th, 2024

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast (Carson Hall B & C, Upper Lobby)
7:30 am	Voting for Directors at Large OR EA Representative closes (voting is online if required)
8:30 am	Convention Day 3 – Opening Remarks Nominating Committee Report (if required) Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative (if required)
8:35 am	Municipal Insurance Association of BC Update – President Penny Cote
8:40 am	Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update – Director Daniel Arbour
8:45 am	Voting for Electoral Area Representative opens (voting is online if required)
8:50 am	E-Comm 911 Address
8:55 am	Plenary Session: <i>Striking the Balance: Engagement and Respect</i>
9:55 am	Green Party Leader, MLA Sonia Furstenau
10:05 am – 10:30 am	Refreshment Break (Upper Lobby)
10:30 am	Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Fleming, MLA, Victoria-Swan Lake
10:35 am	AVICC Advocacy Update
10:50 am	Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions, Third Session
11:00 am	Voting for Electoral Area Representative closes (voting is online if required)
11:45 am	Nominating Committee Report (as required) Installation of New AVICC Executive Remarks by President-Elect 2025 Convention Announcement Grand Prize Draw – BC Ferries Prize Package – Must Be Present to Win
12:00 pm	Adjourn & Safe Travels

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Special thanks are extended to the City of Victoria for hosting AVICC's 75th AGM & Convention, and to the City of Langford the Districts of Saanich, Highlands and Oak Bay and the Township of Esquimalt for their contributions. Our hosts helped with many aspects of the planning to make the 2024 Convention a success.

Thank you for making the Convention a great experience!



75th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE LOGO

In honour of our 75th year, AVICC has commissioned a commemorative logo, designed by Connie Watts, artist of Nuu-chah-nulth, Gitksan and Kwakwaka'wakw ancestry. The logo represents how far AVICC has come since 1950, towards inclusive governance, to the benefit of all community members. We are truly grateful for the time and energy spent by AVICC members to better our communities and look forward to a long future of unified advocacy on behalf of local governments as we work together towards true reconciliation.

ARTIST STATEMENT

In the first meeting with the President of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Penny Cote shared the organizations' goals of building and developing inclusion, implementation of the TRC, and fostering First Nations' teachings and knowledge. As we spoke, inspiration filled my mind with images of the eagle and salmon; when these two creatures prosper it is a reflection of a balanced and healthy environment.

As I worked with the flow of the design, the eagle and salmon imagery complemented AVICC's logo of the mountains and water. My mind opened to my mom's lessons on how everyone has their gifts, and sharing of your gifts makes our communities stronger and wiser. This open way of seeing human beings, and the celebration of perspectives and inclusion brought the rainbow symbol into the design to honour the strength and ingenuity of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

As I developed the artistic logo design for the AVICC's 75th anniversary, I reminisced of the many stories I heard as I grew up. The stories of the eagle's great knowledge and strength and the lessons he had to learn of humility and respect. Our people remembering when the salmon, during spawning season, filling our rivers so much that you could walk across. All of these were the foundation of this design that represents a renewed hope of working towards true reconciliation.

CONNIE WATTS BIOGRAPHY

Connie Watts is an interdisciplinary artist, writer, curator, educator and designer of Nuu-chah-nulth, Gitksan and Kwakwaka'wakw ancestry. Born and raised in Campbell River, Connie has a Bachelor of Interior Design from the University of Manitoba, and a MFA from Emily Carr University (ECU). She continues to run her successful creative company, Chims Studios and for the last four years, has been the Associate Director, Aboriginal Programs, at ECU.

Her award-winning work is often rooted in forms and knowledge drawn from First Nations cultures, while her sculptural objects incorporate modern fabrication and design techniques. She has shown nationally and internationally. Connie's Interior Design and Management projects include the interior of the Songhees Wellness Centre and managing the Vancouver 2010 winter Olympics' Aboriginal Art Program. Connie has been affiliated with YVR Arts Foundation Board, Emily Carr Board of Governors, the British Columbia Arts Council, the First Peoples Cultural Council, the Vancouver Foundation and the Contemporary Art Gallery, among other institutions.



TRADE SHOW

HOURS

Friday 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

EXHIBITORS

BC Assessment

BC General Employees Union

BC Hydro

BC Lottery Corporation

BC Transit

CREST Emergency Communications

CUPE 8911 – Emergency Communications Professionals of BC

CUPE Vancouver Island

Disability Alliance BC

Firesmart BC/ BC Wildfire Service

FortisBC Energy

ICBC

Island Health & Health Networks

Managed Forest Council

Mosaic Forest Management

Private Forest Landowners Association

Rogers Communications

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Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

Victoria Residential Builders Association

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

Western Forest Products

DRAFT PROGRAM

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We wish to thank our sponsors for their contributions toward the 2024 AVICC Convention:

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Keynote Speaker

Banquet Dinner

Young Anderson

Saturday Delegates Lunch

CREST Emergency Communications

Banquet Reception

Fortis BC

Chiefs, Mayors & Chairs Forum

Lidstone & Company Law Corporation

Sunday Morning Breakfast

ICBC

Program

BC Assessment

Friday Afternoon Refreshment Break

Private Forest Landowners Association

Saturday Morning Refreshment Break

Telus

Grand Prize

BC Ferry Services

Speaker Gifts

CUPE 8911 – Emergency Communications
Professionals of BC

Friday Welcome Reception

CUPE BC

Friday Opening Session

Island Health

Saturday Morning Breakfast

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Sunday Morning Plenary Session

E-Comm 911

Saturday Afternoon Sessions

BC Hydro

Trade Show

Trans Mountain

Friday Morning Session

BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Registration Services

Western Forest Products

Communications

Rogers Communications

Saturday Afternoon Refreshment Break

BC General Employees Union

Sunday Morning Refreshment Break

CUPE VI

Transportation

BC Transit

SPEAKER GIFT DONATION

Historically, AVICC has provided gifts to our speakers to thank them for their participation in our convention. In 2022 and 2023, the AVICC Executive determined that rather than purchase gifts, that we donate to a local charitable organization that benefits the residents in our region.

This practice is being continued for 2024, and a donation will be made to The Mustard Seed Street Church, and to the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness in lieu of Speakers Gifts. Please visit their websites to learn more about how these organizations benefit our communities.



The Mustard Seed Street Church has been essential in fighting hunger and restoring faith to people living in greater Victoria since 1975. Our operations include the region's largest and most accessible [Food Bank](#), the [Food Security Distribution Centre](#) that distributes over 2.4 million pounds of rescued and donated food, beverages and hygiene products via our food bank and 70+ local social support organizations. We also offer [Back-to-School](#) and [Christmas supports](#) for families, [Hospitality programs](#), services at [Hope Farm Healing Centre](#) near Duncan, and [Church services](#). Scan their QR code to make a personal donation to support the work they do.



The [Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society](#) (ACEHS) is a non-profit and registered charitable organization whose sole focus is to support Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness. The work of the ACEHS is centered on the voices of Aboriginal peoples who have shared their immediate needs, lived experiences, and perspectives on solutions. Through building partnerships locally and island-wide, the ACEHS works to identify and address systemic and structural barriers, share information, resources, and lessons learned, while also providing cultural supports, connections, and housing stability. The role of the ACEHS is critical because there is not another Indigenous led organization on Vancouver Island that has ending Indigenous homelessness as its sole focus. The ACEHS has a vision to lead long-term systemic change to better meet the needs of our people living away from home and experiencing homelessness.

Our way is to care for all our people, from the youngest to the oldest. We are all one. Some of our people living away from home are suffering, isolated, and homeless. We stand together to end homelessness.

Visit <https://acehsociety.com/donate/> to donate.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DIANE KALEN-SUKRA

Civic Leaders Unite: Addressing Culture Risk, Fostering Social Cohesion Friday, 2:40 pm

Toxic culture is eroding our sense of belonging, community and well-being. Our capacity to collaborate and innovate together is also being undermined by the rising incivility and divisiveness. This poses a risk to our local governments and communities. We need each other to address the complex challenges facing our communities. To thrive, our local democracies depend on our ability to revive the art of living and working well together.



What unique role do civic leaders play in renewing civic culture? How can we do our part to foster social cohesion and rebuild the social fabric, ensuring our communities have the resilience to thrive in these turbulent times?

Diane Kalen-Sukra takes us on an inspiring journey, applying ancient wisdom and modern research to today's civic culture challenges. She empowers civic leaders to unite in rising above the toxic fog to foster the type of culture that supports good governance, sustainable community building and human well-being.

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Diane is an acclaimed author, speaker, and culture transformation expert, sharing insights from over two decades of senior leadership, including national CBC television producer, public sector executive and her award-winning tenure as city manager. Diane's published works include *Save Your City* and *Civic Resilience*, as well as regular columns in *Municipal World* and *Public Sector Digest*. Her most popular book, [Save Your City: How Toxic Culture Kills Community and What to Do About It](#) calls for a revival of civic values and civic education as key to fostering the type of culture that can sustain us, our democracy and our planet.

She is the founder of Kalen Academy, which offers online training for civic leaders. Her newsletter [Civic Wisdom](#), shares timeless principles and modern insights for current and aspiring leaders. Diane is an educator and certified culture transformation consultant, certified Emotional Intelligence EQ-i 2.0 practitioner and certified compassionate integrity facilitator. She has municipal law and administration training from the University of Victoria and is a Certified Municipal Clerk with the International Association of Municipal Clerks. Diane is a political science graduate of University of Toronto's Trinity College and earned a master's degree in political science from York University.

Diane was born with the gift of encouragement and desire for everyone to thrive and meet their potential. Her core belief is that as social beings, we flourish in healthy sustainable communities where good governance, servant leadership and compassionate culture support the well-being of all.

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Diane Kalen-Sukra will be available after her address to meet you and sign book copies. A limited number of copies of *Save Your City* are available. If you have your own book copy and would like it signed, please bring it with you. Watch the [book trailer](#) (1 min).

Delegates are invited to learn more about Diane's civility tour of local governments in her recent article [Enough is enough: Say no to abuse of elected officials and staff](#).

Join Diane Kalen-Sukra on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) or her website: [DianeKalenSukra.com](#)

FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Housing, Housing, HOUSING!

Friday, 9:00am

Cost: \$30

The housing crisis in BC is urgent and demands substantive actions. Local governments across the Province are taking concrete steps to address the crisis and are collaborating for meaningful, focused partnerships with other levels of government, and public and private sector organizations to increase the housing supply in BC. This session, moderated by City of Duncan Mayor Michelle Staples and City of Courtenay Mayor Bob Wells, will cover a variety of housing related topics, highlighting the challenges and successes when addressing this crisis for all BC residents. The conversation will include insights for all local governments, from small, remote, rural and recreational communities to large urban centres, and everything in between.

The Ministry of Housing will provide an overview of the objectives and execution of the [*Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*](#), with a particular focus on key considerations and implications for local governments. Lisa Helps will present an update on BC Builds from BC Housing. We will hear from Strathcona Regional District Director, Mark Vonesh, representing Area B – Cortes Island, who this year is to be the first community in BC to use the MRDT tax entirely for housing and who serves on the Strathcona RD who are in the midst of forming their own Housing Service. The Victoria Residential Builders Association (VRBA) will present the perspective of a panel of builders who will discuss the challenges and solutions for building new housing including the “missing middle” (townhomes, and small multi-family). Mayors Staples and Wells will then highlight successes to our housing and homelessness challenges as a result of deep levels of collaboration.

Join us for a solutions-based and multi-perspective discussion on how all local governments can take collaborative action to improve the housing supply in our region to the benefit of all BC residents!

MODERATORS:

Michelle Staples, Mayor, City of Duncan

Bob Wells, Mayor, City of Courtenay

PRESENTERS:

Hannah Rabinovitch, Director, Housing Policy Branch, Ministry of Housing, Province of BC

Lisa Helps, Executive Lead Project Origination and Process Innovation | BC Builds, BC Housing

Mark Vonesch, Director, Strathcona Regional District, Area B – Cortes Island

Casey Edge, Executive Director, Victoria Residential Builders Association

Mike Dalton, President, CITTA Construction Ltd & President, Victoria Residential Builders Association

Dusty Delain, Owner, Amity Construction & Past President, Victoria Residential Builders Association

Michelle Staples, Mayor, City of Duncan

Bob Wells, Mayor, City of Courtenay

Erin Kapela, Cowichan Tribes

FRIDAY PLENARY SESSION

The TRC Calls to Action: A Roadmap to Right Relationships

Friday, 4:20 pm

Relationships between Indigenous communities and local governments have never been more important. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action, developed in 2015 by residential school survivors, provide a roadmap to creating right relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities – local governments have a critical role in implementing them.

Women Transforming Cities recently published a report "[The TRC Calls to Action in BC Municipalities: Progress, Barriers, and Opportunities to Accelerate Implementation](#)." In this session, one of the report authors will share key findings from this research. Panelists representing legal, local government, and First Nations perspectives will share insights including success stories, lessons learned, how the TRC Calls to Action relate to UNDRIP, how local governments can implement them, and how the Calls to Action can provide a framework for navigating the complexities of Indigenous-government relations.

INTRODUCTION

Gundaynuvx Travis Hall, AVICC Director at Large, Director, Central Coast Regional District

MODERATOR & PRESENTER

Clara Prager, Campaign Lead for WTC, is from a small town in Syilx Okanagan territory but now calls Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh territories home. She has been interested in how local governments work from a young age. Clara brings a decade of experience in policy analysis, research, communications, community engagement, and grassroots organizing to her role at WTC. Her interdisciplinary BA from UBC focused on Canadian policy, history, and Indigenous studies. She is grateful for the many Indigenous peers who contributed to her learning by sharing knowledge with her throughout her degree and her work with government and Indigenous non-profits.

PANELISTS

John Alan Jack, Sayaač̓ath̓, has served as Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) since 2016 and is the elected Chief Councillor for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN). His community is a party to the Maa-nulth Final Agreement (Treaty) which grants the HFN a seat on the ACRD Board. Chair Jack was first elected to the HFN in 2009 and was re-elected in 2011 shortly after the effective date of the Treaty.

Trina Isakson, Councillor, City of Powell River, grew up in Secwépemc territory (Salmon Arm, BC), moved to łaʔamin (Tlaʔamin) territory in 2018. Previously, she helped facilitate public engagement related to a possible name change for Powell River. Her professional work is as a facilitator with community groups on strategic planning, implementing changes, or dealing with conflict. Trina has taught a variety of university courses and she holds an MBA in community economic development.

Reece Harding, partner at Young, Anderson, has practiced local government law for over 30 years. His practice includes judicial review, administrative, Aboriginal, assessment and taxation law, natural hazard risk avoidance, governance, and codes of conduct. He has appeared on behalf of local governments at all levels of court. Reece was appointed by the City of Surrey in 2020 as BC's first local government ethics commissioner pursuing his ongoing interest in governance, conflict resolution and ethical conduct.

[Women Transforming Cities](#) is dedicated to advancing equity within local communities. For over ten years they have worked alongside people and movements who have historically been excluded to create communities where everyone can belong, participate, and thrive. WTC provides accessible civic literacy training, promotes equitable community engagement, conducts research into barriers to participation, and collaborates with local governments to advance inclusive policies.

SATURDAY PLENARY SESSION

Inclusive Regional Governance: Toward Shared Decision-Making on Regional District Boards Saturday, 7:30am

There are several successful examples of First Nations Governments participating in regional governance as part of regional district boards, but these are either pursuant to modern treaties or by special legislation outside of the *Local Government Act* (the 'Act'). The Act, other than one antiquated and unused section, narrows participation of First Nations Governments to those with treaty provisions allowing them to participate. This session will describe how this is a lost opportunity and what is being done to explore options to include First Nations Governments whose predecessors practiced sophisticated governance for thousands of years prior to and for a significant time after contact.

In March 2023, as part of the Province's Action Plan under the *Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs awarded 5 regional districts a grant to engage with First Nations to explore how to enable First Nations to join regional boards as voting members, outside the treaty process. The intent is that these discussions will identify key themes, interests and questions that will assist in the development of legislation to meet the varied needs of First Nations and regional governments. This panel discussion will explore the background of the inclusive regional governance initiative in B.C., discuss progress made so far, and envision opportunities for better governance models in the future.

PRESENTERS:

John Alan Jack has served as Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) since 2016 and is the elected Chief Councillor for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN). His community is a party to the Maa-nulth Final Agreement (Treaty) which grants the HFN a seat on the ACRD Board. Chair Jack was first elected to the HFN in 2009 and was re-elected in 2011 shortly after the effective date of the Treaty.

Douglas Holmes joined the Regional District of Nanaimo as CAO in 2021. He started in local government in 1995 and has served both 'RDs' and Municipalities. He has participated on several panels and working groups, including in relation to amendments in legislation and inclusive governance. Mr. Holmes is a CPA and has a business degree from SFU. He currently serves as Vice President on the Board of the Local Government Management Association of BC.

Carolyn Kamper was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Negotiations and Regional Operations Division in July 2023. Prior to this position, she held two different ADM roles in the Ministry of Children and Family Development: ADM, Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division (2020 to 2023) and ADM of the Strategic Priorities division (2017 to 2020). Carolyn has worked in both the private and public sectors. During her 20-plus year career with the BC Public Service, Carolyn provided leadership on several large transformational initiatives across the social, health and resource sectors.

Brent Mueller, Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, was born, and has been fortunate to have lived, worked, and played on various traditional territories, in British Columbia. This year marks over 30-years working for the Province in areas including regional planning, intergovernmental relations, rural community development, dispute resolution, climate change and for the last several years Local Government-First Nation relations. He has a BA from SFU and an MA from UVIC both in political science. His interests include soccer, gardening, and spending quality time with his wonderful daughter Mackenzie, a recent UVIC Grad and a marine biologist with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and his dog Koda.

SUNDAY PLENARY SESSION

Striking the Balance: Engagement and Respect

Sunday, 8:55 am

This session is designed for elected officials (and those that support them), exploring strategies aimed at enhancing community engagement and fostering a culture of respect. Through a blend of interactive discussions, and expert led discussions this session will equip attendees with actionable tools to balance effective public communication, conflict resolution, and collaborative community efforts. It underscores the importance of establishing clear boundaries to secure respectful interactions and mitigate potential violent scenarios, crucial for both personal safety and the integrity of the democratic process.

PRESENTER:

Tracey Lorenson, award-winning speaker, is known for her humour and candour in helping her clients manage difficult situations. Her warm, energetic style combines her leadership experience, practical advice and real-life examples that resonate with audiences of all levels. With a keen interest in problem solving, Tracey has developed a series of proven techniques that help organizations identify their issues and take action to improve their dynamics and decision making.

Tracey has worked with local governments in a variety of capacities for more than 25 years. After 6 years of practicing workplace law in the public sector, Tracey served as Executive Vice President of E-Comm, provider of 911 fire, police and ambulance services for local governments in southern BC. In her current role as the Principal in the management consulting firm Paragon Strategic Services Ltd, and CivicExcellence Tracey improves her clients' ability to perform by working with both elected and staff on areas that include conflict resolution, strategic planning, and leadership training.

In the past three years alone Tracey has facilitated more than 25 strategic plans for local governments throughout Canada and worked with individuals from more than 150 communities.

A sought-after facilitator and lecturer, Tracey has spoken extensively on a variety of topics including leadership, strategic planning, human resources, governance, and developing regional strategies. In addition, she has lectured at UBC's Faculty of Law, Royal Roads University, Capilano University, the Justice Institute of BC, the Local Government Leadership Academy and is a member of the faculty for BC's Local Government Management Association's MATI programs.

Tracey has partnered with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) and BC's Local Government Management Association (LGMA) to develop and deliver an ongoing series of more than 25 different web trainings for local government professionals nationwide. Most recently Tracey has partnered with other industry experts to launch CivicExcellence an online collaboration and E-learning community for local government elected and staff across Canada

PLENARY UPDATE SESSIONS

Island Corridor Foundation Update

Saturday, 9:55 am

Daniel Arbour will provide an update on the Corridor visioning initiative supported by the Province of BC. The ICF, which is a partnership between 5 regional districts and 14 First Nations, owns the 290km rail corridor linking Victoria to Port Alberni and Courtenay.

PRESENTER

Daniel Arbour, Co-Chair, Island Corridor Foundation, Director, Comox Valley RD, Area A

Community Energy Association Update

Saturday, 10:35 am

Local governments are facing increasing impacts and costs associated with climate change, and collaborative approaches are more important than ever. The Community Energy Association (CEA) is a non-profit that accelerates bold action by local governments and Indigenous communities related to climate and energy. CEA is the secretariat to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership (VICC-CL) Steering Committee, which aims to connect local elected officials and staff from diverse communities in the VICC region and empower them to accelerate their work on climate change and meet their goals by sharing best practices, collaborating on problem solving and advocating to other orders of government. Together, CEA and VICC-CL are launching an inaugural virtual VICC Climate Summit in May 2024 that will bring together local government staff and elected officials from across the region to share, learn, and collaborate on regional climate solutions.

PRESENTER

Katherine Pearce, Climate Collaboration Coordinator, Community Energy Association

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update

Sunday, 8:40 am

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is the national voice of local governments in Ottawa. This update will touch on new FCM programs secured in the past year and include a brief update on the future of federally-supported local government infrastructure programs.

PRESENTER

Daniel Arbour, FCM Director at Large, Director, Comox Valley RD, Area A

AVICC Advocacy Update

Sunday, 10:35 am

The primary function of AVICC is to advocate on behalf of, and for our members. After holding a strategic planning session in 2021, your Executive presented the results at the 2022 Convention, and membership endorsed an AVICC Advocacy Policy. This direction and the resolutions each year inform AVICC's advocacy priorities. Hear from members of the AVICC Executive with an update on the actions taken by AVICC towards advocacy, and the advocacy plans for the future.

PRESENTERS

Penny Cote, Director, Alberni-Clayoquot RD, AVICC President

Ben Geselbracht, Councillor, City of Nanaimo, AVICC 1st Vice President

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Open and Closed Meetings – Why Should You Care?

Saturday, 1:30 pm – Colwood Room

The most important and powerful duties and functions of a local government must be performed and exercised by its council or board, and an act or proceeding of the council or board is not valid unless it is authorized or adopted by a resolution or bylaw at a meeting. For these reasons, understanding what constitutes a meeting, whether a meeting must be open or closed, what may transpire at a meeting, and where and when the meeting can be held, are extremely important.

This session will explore these rules, which apply to municipalities, regional districts and the Islands Trust, as well as committees, commissions, boards of variance, parcel tax roll review panels, and other bodies set out in local government legislation.

PRESENTER

Joseph Scafe, Partner, Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors

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First Nation Property Taxation & Assessment

Saturday, 1:30 pm – Sidney Room

For the last forty-five years, First Nations in Canada have been developing property tax jurisdiction on their lands, and has witnessed remarkable growth in the past three decades.

This growth has been coupled by increased commercial and residential development, especially in urban areas where there is often a shortage of developable land. Development and tax jurisdiction provides a significant economic and fiscal benefit for First Nation communities and adjacent jurisdictions. The growth in First Nation property taxation is largely attributable to the work of First Nations leadership that are leading the way in expanding jurisdiction, the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC), which has provided leadership and regulatory support, and the involvement of key regional assessment service providers such as BC Assessment.

This joint presentation between BC Assessment and the FNTC is designed to provide information on real estate development occurring on First Nation Land and the regulatory frameworks that support First Nation taxation. Special focus will be provided on the BC experience which has over 100 taxing First Nations.

PRESENTERS

Bill Dawson, Manager, First Nations Customers, BC Assessment

Trenton Paul, Director of First Nation Engagement and Law Review, First Nations Tax Commission

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Building Wildfire Resiliency in Coastal Communities

Saturday, 1:30 pm – Carson Hall B/C

British Columbia is experiencing a serious and sustained increase in extreme wildfire behaviour and fire events particularly in the wildland-urban interface. More human activity and development is taking place in or near forests, creating greater consequences for the socioeconomic health and safety of citizens and visitors. At the same time, the impacts of climate change are increasing, fire size and severity are increasing, and fire seasons are becoming longer.

Prevention is more than stopping new, human-caused fires. FireSmart is based on the premise of shared responsibility and on promoting the integration and collaboration of wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts. All partners and stakeholders have a role to play.

This session will provide an overview of the resources and information available to governments, First Nations, businesses, and individuals to help prepare communities for the potential of wildland-urban interface fire.

MODERATOR

Sarah Fowler, Councillor, Village of Tahsis, AVICC Director at Large

PRESENTERS

Alan Berry, Senior Wildfire Officer Prevention, BC Wildfire Service – Coastal Fire Centre

Jessica Hawksworth, Wildfire Prevention Officer, BC Wildfire Service – Coastal Fire Centre

Jonathan Reimer, Manager, Emergency Programs, Protective Services, Capital Regional District

Willow Bloomquist, Fire Prevention Officer, Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department

The Future of Energy in BC

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm – Sidney Room

As BC municipalities grapple with the challenges of rapid population growth, critical economic development, and ambitious climate targets, the need for reliable decarbonized energy has never been greater. Join this session where executives from BC's largest energy utilities will discuss their shared commitments to delivering low-carbon affordable energy to achieve the province's CleanBC Roadmap to 2030.

MODERATOR

Bruce Williams, President, Victoria Chamber of Commerce

PRESENTERS

Diana Stephenson, Senior Vice-President of Customer & Corporate Affairs, BC Hydro

Doug Slater, Vice-President External Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Fortis BC

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Oceans, Oceans, Oceans!

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm – Colwood Room

With so many British Columbians living in coastal communities, there is a lot at stake in protecting our oceans and coasts. We rely on our oceans for food, jobs, clean air and much more. Our stewardship of this important natural resource is part of our social fabric and is woven into the vast history of maritime and Indigenous traditions. This session will highlight some of the organizations working tirelessly to provide us with resources and solutions to help keep our oceans sustainable into the future.

Transport Canada's Oceans Protection Plan (OPP) is a national, whole-of-government plan to protect our oceans and coastlines. The session will first provide an overview of the Renewed Oceans Protection Plan including the Salish Sea Strategy. It will then explore in more detail actions to address wrecked, abandoned, or hazardous vessels on the coast, including the *Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act*.

The Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) / University of British Columbia's Strait of Georgia Data Centre collates and visualizes nearshore and marine data. For coastal municipalities, this means greater access to important information for decision making. This clinic will spotlight the Marine Reference Guide (MRG), an interactive data visualization tool, as well as data from the Resilient Coasts for Salmon project that will show the extent of coastal modification across the east coast of Vancouver Island. Join us to explore the MRG's many layers of ecological, anthropogenic, and oceanographic data, and how these data can inform our interactions with the sea.

The BC Seafood Alliance will share information about the Northern Shelf Bioregion Network Action Plan (NSB NAP) that was endorsed by the Minister of Fisheries in February 2023. The NSB stretches from Campbell River to the Alaska Border. The current NSB Plan will have severe social and economic impacts on coastal communities that may be irreversible. This session aims to highlight the issue and the solutions the sector is proposing to ensure vibrant and sustainable coastal economies for generations to come.

MODERATOR

Vanessa Craig, Chair, RD Nanaimo, AVICC 2nd Vice President

PRESENTERS

Lauren Lavigne, Manager, Ocean Protection Plan Engagement Hub, Transport Canada

Ryan Greville, Manager, Navigable Waters Protection Program, Transport Canada

Kyla Sheehan, Project Manager, Resilient Coasts for Salmon, Pacific Salmon Foundation

Ben Skinner, GIS Specialist, Marine Science Program, Pacific Salmon Foundation

Grant Dovey, Vice President, BC Seafood Alliance

Mike Atkins, Treasurer, BC Seafood Alliance

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Vancouver Island Circular Economy: Turning Goals into Action **Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm – Carson Hall B/C**

The [Circular Economy Accelerator Program](#) concluded its pilot program in the summer of 2023 spurring the transition to a sustainable, resilient economy and positioning Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast as leaders in the circular economy. The program – the first of its kind in Canada – was designed to support businesses who seek to adopt circular economy principles, reduce waste and emissions, and develop innovative practices while increasing revenue and reducing operational costs.

The program was delivered by the Vancouver Island Coast Economic Developers Association (VICEDA) in partnership with the Synergy Foundation with support from Island Coastal Economic Trust and VICEDA regional partners, including the City of Campbell River, City of Nanaimo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce, Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Port Alberni, and Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization.

A panel discussion will provide highlights from pilot, share the perspective of local government economic development officers, the private sector and non-profit partners, as well as highlighting the cumulative reductions in waste and emissions. The Synergy Foundation and VICEDA are currently exploring opportunities for Phase 2 of the Circular Economy Accelerator Program.

MODERATOR

Jill Doucette, Executive Director, Synergy Foundation

PRESENTERS & PANELISTS

Georgia Lavender, Director, Program Operations, Synergy Foundation

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, City of Nanaimo

Tom Kinnear, Manager, Duncan Paving Co.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

2023-2024

Welcome to the 2024 AVICC AGM & Convention in Victoria on the traditional lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. The City of Victoria are our hosts, and the City of Langford and the Districts of Saanich and Highlands have contributed as co-hosts for the event. As President of AVICC I would like to thank these organizations for all their support in welcoming our members to their community.

Your AVICC Executive respectfully invites you all to join us in celebrating our coming together this weekend to celebrate 75 years of unified advocacy on behalf of local governments in our region. We would like to express our deep appreciation for our members and are truly grateful for the vast amount of time and energy spent to the benefit of our communities. We are proud that AVICC members are working towards the goal of building and developing inclusion, supporting the implementation of the TRC Calls to Action, and fostering First Nations' teachings and knowledge. AVICC has come a long way since 1950, and we acknowledge that there is a long way to go, working together towards true reconciliation. To represent the association's work over the past 75 years, and the work we will continue to do in the future, we have commissioned award-winning Indigenous Artist, Connie Watts, to design a special logo for this year's convention.

I encourage all Mayors, Chairs, Councilors, Regional District Directors, and First Nations Leaders to use this convention as an opportunity to meet and network with your colleagues. It is helpful to realize that you are not alone, and that if you have an issue to deal with, or a success to celebrate, that there is someone else that you can reach out to who understands and empathizes with your situation.

Elected to the AVICC Executive in 2016 and having had the honorable privilege of being your elected President for the past two years, I reflect on the many valuable friendships and knowledge gained. Attending our members' convention over the past 19 years of local government service has benefited and broadened my personal skillsets to work for my community and yours.

I give many thanks to your 2023-24 Executive who are a skilled, passionate, and hard-working group of individuals with whom I have had the honor to serve with on your AVICC Executive:

- 1st Vice President: Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo
- 2nd Vice President: Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo
- Director at Large: Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis
- Director at Large: Janet Dorward, District of Port Hardy
- Director at Large: Travis Hall, Central Coast Regional District
- Electoral Area Representative: Donna McMahon, Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Past President: Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

I want to make special mention of my colleague, Ian Morrison. Ian has been a steady and insightful member of the Executive for several terms and has been a most valuable mentor and friend to me as President. Ian will be made a Life Member this year, and I am truly grateful for him and his many contributions to AVICC, to local government, and to his community.

It is expected that the members of AVICC will benefit from the productivity of the 2023/24 Executive for many years to come through advocacy plans and networking opportunities. In 2022, AVICC members confirmed that AVICC should continue with its current core advocacy initiatives such as holding an annual convention, providing resolution assistance, letter writing on policy issues on behalf of members, and meeting with ministers and ministry staff on behalf of the membership. In addition, that we continue to provide and expand our role in acting as a 'facilitator' for initiatives that would benefit from more dialogue and education as informed by the membership's requests. It was also determined that AVICC would not take on the roles of lead/organizer for committee work and initiatives, of developing policy papers or managing programs. The AVICC Executive are all very approachable if you would like to hear more about what we do and how we support the organization please pull us aside we would gladly to talk to you. We will be providing an update on AVICC Advocacy later this weekend, and we have sent a survey to all members, asking them to let us know the issues in our communities that should be prioritized by the Association for advocacy work.

Your Executive did seriously consider the possibility of a hybrid convention for 2024. When all factors were considered, we decided on the in-person format we have today due to the additional costs and logistical requirements of holding a hybrid convention, as well as the potential impact a hybrid convention would have on the networking opportunities at the convention. In response to the Executive's desire to ensure that as many members as possible benefit from some of the educational sessions at the Convention, we will be video-recording six of these sessions so that all members can access them after Convention close.

In June of 2022 the decision was made that UBCM would no longer provide staffing or operational support for AVICC effective August 1, 2023. Theresa Dennison joined the AVICC team as our full time Executive Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer in October 2022, as a UBCM employee contracted exclusively to AVICC. Her experience in the local Vancouver Island hospitality industry, combined with her experience as a local government administrator makes her a great fit to be our one and only AVICC employee. Immediately following last year's convention, she began work on transitioning AVICC to be a fully independent organization. The AVICC Executive met three times last spring and summer to support the transition, and on August 1, 2023 the transition was successfully completed, and AVICC hired Ms. Dennison to remain on as a full-time employee of AVICC. We would like to thank UBCM for their support throughout the transition.

Through the transition we identified the many administrative services and financial oversight formerly provided by UBCM. To ensure the Association maintained the same level of service and transparency for our members, we contracted retired UBCM Chief Financial Officer, Kathleen Spalek to advise us through the transition and to ensure business continuity. Ms. Spalek has been an incredible resource for the Association, and we are grateful for her support (including volunteering at our registration desk at this year's convention). It was also identified through the transition that the President of the Association would be required to take a more active role in the day-to-day operations. AVICC's President is now responsible for providing oversight and direction to the organization's Executive Coordinator, including, but not limited to, communication approvals, financial approvals, and general operational direction. The AVICC Executive recognized this work by approving a \$500 monthly stipend for the AVICC President. The Executive also amended AVICC's policy on Executive Expenses so that the per diem for virtual meetings is now the same as for in-person meetings in acknowledgement of the work involved

for the Executive. The AVICC Executive hosts one in-person Executive meeting per year outside of convention, with the rest taking place virtually – until 2020, the AVICC Executive only met in-person. This is yet another demonstration of how far we have come in the last 75 years!

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) are strong partners of AVICC as they advocate with senior levels of government on your behalf. As President of the AVICC I have the privilege this year of being your representative on the UBCM Executive serving on the Environment Committee, and the Indigenous Relations Committee. The 2023/2024 UBCM elected Executive also include AVICC Executive member Councillor Sarah Fowler, who is the Small Communities Representative and AVICC member Councillor Sean Wood was also elected to the UBCM Executive as Director at Large, giving our membership a strong voice at UBCM. We will look forward to hearing from UBCM President Trish Mandewo with an update from UBCM.

AVICC also has a voice at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities table with AVICC members Director Daniel Arbour and Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton, who are FCM Board Members. We would like to thank them for advocating on behalf of our region at the federal level. Director Arbour will provide an update on FCM at this year's convention. Director Arbour also represents AVICC on the DFO's Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) for Shellfish and represented AVICC on a panel at the Salish Sea Symposium in January 2024 hosted by Transport Canada's Oceans Protection Plan.

Another of my AVICC appointments is to the Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) as the AVICC representative. I look forward to reporting out to the membership on MIABC 2023/2024 activity.

For the 2024/25 AVICC Election, we will repeat elections being held electronically, and candidate speeches being available online. Candidates nominated by the deadline, or from the floor will have the opportunity to work with AVICC staff to have their speech posted online while on-site at the convention. The Executive Election will also be available to all members, and not only the AVICC delegates at the convention this year.

In your package, you will find the annual audited financial statements, the 2024 budget and member dues, a report from the Nominating Committee for the 2024/25 Term, and the resolutions for consideration at this year's convention.

Your Executive has reviewed the revenues and expenses of AVICC during these uncertain and changeable times. AVICC continues to be a low cost and high value area association, with member dues and convention registrations remaining among the lowest when compared to the other area associations. Convention costs for this year's convention have increased significantly as compared to last year, and operational costs for the Association have increased as a result of the transition. The AVICC Executive moderately increased the convention registration costs to cover some of these increased expenses. When considering a member dues increase for this year, it was determined that we would maintain the same increase as in past years of 5% as we acknowledge that our members' expenses have also increased significantly. The Executive approved a deficit budget for 2024, rather than a greater increase to members, as upon consideration, the Association has sufficient surplus funds from previous years to cover this relatively modest deficit, and is in a strong financial position to move forward.

We are looking forward to a productive, educational, and thought-provoking convention, including the resolutions debate, political speakers, keynote, elections, and perhaps most importantly, networking with colleagues.

It has been my great honour to serve you and AVICC as President for 2023-24, as my final term as President. I trust you will greatly benefit from the convention lineup for the weekend ahead. I

am most looking forward to speaking with you in the meeting rooms and hallways of the conference centre.

I acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous Peoples of the Coast Salish, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Kwak-Waka'wakw Peoples where our local governments are located. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work, live and play on these beautiful lands, and believe we are all one.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Cote". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a stylized "Cote".

Penny Cote, AVICC President

Director, Area D – Sproat Lake, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

2024 AVICC CONVENTION RULES & PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Sessions will begin and end promptly at the scheduled hours.
2. Delegates will use the floor microphones when speaking.
3. All elected officials of members attending the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be entitled to participate in debates and to vote on any matter before the Meeting. [Bylaws 4.17] Other delegates shall not be entitled to the privilege of the floor unless authorized by the Meeting. [Bylaws 4.10] Electoral Area Director Alternates are not eligible to vote. Guest speakers may be permitted at the direction of the Executive.
4. At all business sessions of the Meeting, twenty voting members (elected officials) shall constitute a quorum. [Bylaws s. 4.2]

VOTING RULES

5. Only elected officials of members are entitled to vote. [Bylaws 4.17] Electoral Area Director Alternates are not entitled to vote.
6. Voting on ordinary resolutions normally shall be by a show of hands (holding the voting card) and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost is final unless, immediately upon the decision of the Chair being declared, ten or more voting delegates present, by standing, demand a standing vote, whereupon the Chair shall again put the same question to the Meeting to be decided by a count of those standing in favour of and against the motion. The Chair may also decide to hold a standing vote if the show of hands does not, in their discretion, give a clear indication of the vote. Where voting is by standing vote, the scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chair to count the standing votes in favour of and against the motion.
7. In the event that the result of the standing vote is questioned by twenty-five or more voting delegates present, or at any time in the discretion of the Chair, the Chair shall order that the matter before the Meeting be referred to the AVICC Executive.
8. In all cases, where the votes of delegates then present, including the vote of the Chair, are equal for and against a question, the question shall be defeated, and it shall be the duty of the Chair to so declare.
9. Voting by proxy is not permitted. [Bylaws 4.22]
10. When voting by show of hands, all delegates shall hold their voting card. [Bylaws 4.18]

RULES OF PROCEDURE

11. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Association, its Executive and Committees, so far as they may be applicable without coming into conflict with the Constitution or rules adopted by the Association. [Bylaws14.1]
12. The Presiding Officer shall enforce order and strict observance of the Constitution and Rules and Procedures. Subject to an appeal to the meeting sustained by a majority vote of delegates present, the Presiding Officer shall have the right to decide all questions of order and the Officer's rulings in this regard shall be final.
13. A voting delegate wishing to move, second or speak to a motion shall arise and address the Chair and shall wait until he or she is recognized before speaking. Delegates must announce their name, local government office and membership or other qualifications each time they rise to speak.
14. The sponsor of a motion must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes; other delegates speaking to a resolution are permitted two minutes.
15. No delegate may speak more than once on any one question unless and until all other delegates desiring to speak have been heard.
16. Any amendment, including amendments proposed by the Resolutions Committee, and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting or to refer the same to the AVICC Executive, or to any other committee, and any motion affecting the resolution must be moved and seconded from the Meeting floor.
17. Should debate continue on a resolution for an undue length of time, then at the absolute discretion of the Chair, the resolution may be cleared from the floor by the Chair deciding to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee for further consideration and subsequent report. Any voting member may move without seconder, a motion "do members support the Chair's decision to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee?" which motion must be forthwith put to the vote without debate. If members do not support the referral, debate on the resolution shall continue until the question on the resolution is called. There will be no debate on a motion to refer a resolution to the Executive Committee.

HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS: STEP-BY-STEP RULES

PRECEDENCE OF RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolutions shall be dealt with in numerical order. However, two or more similar resolutions, addressing the same subject matter may be dealt with by a single resolution. [i.e. if resolution #14 covers resolution #15 and #16 then only resolution #14 will be considered by the Meeting.]

19. Resolutions will be grouped into five sections:
- **Part SR** – Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act (if applicable)
 - **Part ER** – Executive Resolutions from the AVICC Executive (if applicable)
 - **Part 1** – Regional Resolutions
Resolutions in Part 1 include any resolution submitted by the deadline where the issue addressed is specific to the AVICC Region, and the enactment clause is regional in nature and directs only the area association (and not UBCM) to consider taking action. Endorsed Regional Resolutions will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration by UBCM membership, but instead remain with AVICC where they may be actioned.
 - **Section “A”** – Resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse, or No Action Required
 - **Section “B”** – Resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment and are grouped into “the Block”;
 - **Part 2** – Resolutions
Resolutions in Part 2 include any resolution submitted by the deadline that addresses an issue relevant to communities in other regions of British Columbia, and the enactment clause directs UBCM to consider taking action. Endorsed Resolutions from Part 2 will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration by UBCM membership where, if endorsed, they may be actioned.
 - **Section “A”** – Resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse, or No Action Required
 - **Section “B”** – Resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment and are grouped into “the Block”; and
 - **Part 3** – Late Resolutions
Late Resolutions include any resolution submitted after the deadline. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. The Report on Late Resolutions will be distributed onsite at convention, and will be considered, time permitting, at the Sunday Resolutions Session.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN PART 1, SECTION “A” & PART 2, SECTION “A”

20. The Chair will cause the title and the "enactment" clause(s) of the resolution to be read.
21. The resolution will, after reading, be properly before the Meeting and will not require a mover or a seconder.
22. A spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee will give the Resolutions Committee's recommendation.
23. The Chair shall then call on a delegate from the sponsoring member to introduce the resolution.
24. The sponsor is permitted three minutes to introduce the resolution.
25. The Chair will then call for discussion from the floor.

26. If there are no speakers opposed to the motion the Chair may call the question.
- Discussion shall proceed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure" (steps 11 to 17)
 - Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of two minutes.
 - Voting on the resolution shall proceed in accordance with the "Voting Rules" (steps 5 to 10).
 - Voting is on the resolution, **NOT** on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN PART 1, SECTION "B" & PART 2, SECTION "B"

27. After Part 1, Section "A" resolutions have been considered, Part 1, Section "B" resolutions will be entered for discussion as a block with the approval of the Convention. After Part 2, Section "A" resolutions have been considered, Part 2, Section "B" resolutions will be entered for discussion as a block with the approval of the Convention.
28. The Chair will introduce a motion to adopt the recommendations for Section "B" resolutions and move the endorsement of the resolutions as a block, including any amendments proposed by the Resolutions Committee.
- i) A voting delegate who wishes to have a Part 1, Section "B" or a Part 2, Section "B" resolution entered for individual discussion shall, after being recognized by the Chair, put forward a motion to remove the resolution from the block and have the resolution entered for discussion.
 - ii) Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution.
 - iii) If the motion meets criteria (ii) and is duly seconded, the Chair shall put the question – "Shall the resolution be removed from the block and admitted for discussion?" – and such question shall require a simple majority vote before the motion can be put forward for discussion.
 - iv) If the motion passes, then the Chair will remove the resolution from the block and it will be considered immediately following the Part 1, Section "B" or Part 2, Section "B" resolutions.
 - v) The Chair will ask for the endorsement of the Part 1, Section "B" or Part 2, Section "B" block as amended – and such question shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
 - vi) After the Part 1, Section "B" or Part 2, Section "B" block has been considered, those resolutions removed for individual consideration will be entered for consideration and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

PROCEDURES FOR LATE RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to the AVICC Secretary-Treasurer by the Wednesday noon preceding the date of the Annual Meeting. Beyond that deadline, additional resolutions may be introduced as Off-the-Floor Resolutions.
30. Late Resolutions may be debated after the resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered but not before the time printed in the Convention Program for consideration of Late Resolutions. Late Resolutions shall be dealt with only if the Meeting so decides.

31. Late Resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. Late Resolutions will only be recommended for debate if they relate to issues that are emergency in nature or were unknown at the time of the resolutions deadline.
32. Late Resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and separated into the following categories in a Late Resolutions Report:
 - i) Emergency resolutions and resolutions on issues not known at the time of the resolutions deadline that are recommended to be placed before the Convention for debate.
 - ii) Resolutions not recommended to be admitted for debate.
33. The Chair shall put forward a motion that contains the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on entering late resolutions for discussion which, if duly seconded, will be dealt with as follows: The Chair shall put the question – “Shall the Report of the Resolutions Committee and the recommendations therein be adopted?” – and such question shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
34. If the Resolutions Committee has recommended against a late resolution being admitted for debate, the sponsor may come forward to the microphone prior to the vote on the Late Resolutions Report, identify which late resolution they wish to have admitted, and make a motion to have it considered for debate. The motion shall require a seconder, and a 60% majority vote to pass. If the resolution is accepted for debate, the resolution will then require a simple majority to pass.
35. Late Resolutions admitted for debate shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions Report.
36. The Chair will cause the title and "enactment" clause(s) of each Late Resolution to be read by a spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee.
37. The Late Resolution will, after reading, be properly before the Meeting and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

PROCEDURES FOR OFF-THE-FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

38. A voting member may put forward a motion to accept an Off-the-Floor Resolution for debate, and if seconded, such motion will require a 60% majority vote to pass. Off-the-Floor Resolutions will only be accepted for debate following the debate on Late Resolutions. If accepted for debate, the resolution will require a simple majority to pass.

Off-the-Floor Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Resolutions Session, and printed copies must have been made available to all delegates no later than 9 am on Sunday morning.

39. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Executive may submit any matters not requiring a Special Resolution to any Meeting for consideration or action at any time.

FOR SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

40. Any amendments to the Constitution or the Bylaws may only be made through a Special Resolution with notice and voting requirements as set out in the *Societies Act*.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ADMITTED

41. The sponsors of resolutions that are not admitted for debate at the AVICC Convention due to time considerations, and the sponsors of late resolutions that are not deemed eligible and admitted by the members should submit those resolutions directly to UBCM by their June 15 deadline.

DIRECT SUBMISSIONS TO UBCM

42. Should any community wish to submit a resolution directly to UBCM, the new deadline for submissions is June 15 (no longer June 30). Any resolution submitted after June 15 will be considered a Late Resolution by UBCM.

2024 RESOLUTIONS

PART 1 – REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2024 resolutions deadline, and are resolutions that are considered regional in nature. Should any of these regionally focused resolutions be endorsed, they will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention. Rather these resolutions will remain with AVICC where they may be actioned.

Part 1 - Section “A”

This section contains **regionally focused** resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or, Not Endorse.

LAND USE

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| R1 | Bamberton Quarry Expansion Project Adjacent To The Saanich Inlet | District of North Saanich |
| R2 | Conservation of Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region | City of Parksville |

Part 1 - Section “B”

This section contains **regionally focused** resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse. There were no Regional Resolutions submitted by the deadline that support existing policy and are recommend Endorse.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2024 resolutions deadline. Should any of these resolutions be endorsed, they will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention.

Part 2 - Section “A”

This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation, Not Endorse, or No Action Required

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| R3 | Respiratory Syncytial virus (RSV) Vaccine | District of Port Hardy |
| R4 | Pre-Hospital Care - Demands on Local Governments | City of Port Alberni |
| R5 | Grants to Named Health Facilities | Comox Valley RD |
| R6 | Addressing the Impact of Provincial Policy on Local Governments, Taxation Equity, and Interim Policing Cost Support | City of Langford |
| R7 | Urging Legal Action for Constitutional Accountability: Addressing Provincial Failures in Healthcare, Criminal Rehabilitation, and Public Safety Responsibilities | City of Langford |

HOUSING

R8	Provincial Housing Coordinator	City of Nanaimo
R9	Emergency Shelters and Compliance with BC Building Code and BC Fire Code	City of Nanaimo
R10	Housing Authority Feasibility Study Work	Comox Valley RD City of Courtenay Village of Cumberland City of Powell River
R11	Development Cost Charges for Affordable Housing	Comox Valley RD
R12	BC Secondary Suite Incentive Program	North Coast RD

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R13	Equitable Funding of Police Services	City of Port Alberni
R14	Modernize the Police Cost Sharing Formulas	Town of View Royal
R15	Fail to Appear Charges	City of Duncan
R16	Automated Licence Plate Recognition Funding	City of Langford

ENVIRONMENT

R17	Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice	Islands Trust
R18	Ban on Rodent Glue Traps	Town of View Royal District of Saanich

LAND USE

R19	Amendments to the <i>Land Title Act</i>	City of Courtenay
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TRANSPORTATION

R20	Ports Prioritization	Sunshine Coast RD
R21	Ports Maintenance	Sunshine Coast RD
R22	Derelict Vehicles on Remote Communities	North Coast RD

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R23	Halt Reductions to the Annual Allowable Cut	City of Campbell River
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SELECTED ISSUES

R24	Provincial Employee Support	Village of Zeballos
R25	Wellbeing of Future Generations Act	District of Saanich
R26	UBCM First Nation Membership	Village of Zeballos

Part 2 - Section "B"

This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R27	First Responder Calls by Fire Rescue Departments	District of Tofino
R28	Provincial Cost Recovery for Emergency Medical Services Provided by Fire Departments	RD of Nanaimo
R29	Pre-Hospital Care - Demands on Local Governments	City of Port Alberni
R30	Mental Health Liaison Officers	City of Nanaimo
R31	Investment in Complex Care Beds	City of Nanaimo
R32	Seniors' Support Assisted Living	District of Saanich
R33	Implementing <i>Accessibility BC Act</i> Recommendations	City of Parksville

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PART SR – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate any Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act

PART ER – EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate resolutions from the AVICC Executive at this time

PART 1 – REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2024 resolutions deadline, and are resolutions that are considered regional in nature. Should any of these regionally focused resolutions be endorsed, they will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention. Rather these resolutions will remain with AVICC where they may be actioned.

Part 1 - Section “A” – This section contains **regionally focused** resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse.

LAND USE

R1) Bamberton Quarry Expansion Project Adjacent To The Saanich Inlet District of North Saanich

Whereas the BC Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy decided in late June 2023 that there would be no complete environmental review of this project under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, but rather an “enhanced review” pursuant to the *Mines Act*;

And whereas that given the major industrial nature of the quarry expansion, including the proposal to store soil material; and the highly sensitive nature of the Saanich Inlet with its unique topographical and marine peculiarities, marine and fish life, (including the Goldstream salmon run), this decision will adversely affect the Inlet and its marine life;

And whereas that in Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy of BC, Honourable George Heyman’s response to District of North Saanich Mayor and Council on September 11, 2023, he states in paragraph 3, “I acknowledge that the project as proposed may have potential effects on the environment...”:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC requests that:

1. the BC Provincial Government should not proceed further with this extensive expansion of the Bamberton Quarry, and storage of soil material, unless and until the necessary, full environmental review and oversight is put into motion and accomplished pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act*;
2. this resolution be forwarded to the attention of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Federal Department of Environment and Climate Change to review and address without delay this critical environment and urgent marine issue; and
3. the BC Provincial Government inform interested parties, such as First Nations, local governments, and the Saanich Inlet Protection Society of the progress/results of the enhanced permit review process for the project.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the Bamberton Quarry was purchased by the Malahat First Nation, and that a request was made from the Malahat Investment Corporation to the B.C. Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to expand the quarry, to renew the foreshore lease on the Saanich Inlet, and to expand soil deposition on the site. In response, the Saanich Inlet Protection Society submitted a request to the Minister to designate the expanded rock quarry and related projects, as a ‘reviewable project’ under section 11 of the Environmental Assessment Act. The [‘Reasons for Decision of the Minister’](#) is available on the Environmental Assessment Office’s website.

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution making the following requests: 1. the BC Provincial Government should not proceed further with this extensive expansion of the Bamberton Quarry, and storage of soil material, unless and until the necessary, full environmental review and oversight is put into motion and accomplished pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act; 2. this resolution be forwarded to the attention of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Federal Department of Environment and Climate Change to review and address without delay this critical environment and urgent marine issue; and 3. the BC Provincial Government inform interested parties, such as First Nations, local governments, and the Saanich Inlet Protection Society of the progress/results of the enhanced permit review process for the project.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions on related topics, including:

- 2021-EB44 which asked the Province in their consideration of these (forestry and mining) 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; and*
- 2014-B116 which asked the Province to amend the Mines Act to first require a mines permit applicant to confirm such mining activity is within an area designated by a local official community plan permitting such mining activity.*

The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, and advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

R2) Conservation of Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region

City of Parksville

Whereas the UNESCO-designated Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) includes five watershed regions and the Coastal Douglas-fir moist maritime biogeoclimatic subzone, which is the smallest and most at-risk zone in BC and is of conservation concern;

And whereas habitat loss and fragmentation due to human development and unsustainable consumption and production patterns are among the major causes of diminishing biodiversity within the MABR:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Province to conserve through purchase thirty percent of lands within the MABR to meet the thirty percent of BC's land by 2030 provincial conservation target;

And be it further resolved that AVICC urge the Province, in accordance with the Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation signed between Canada, British Columbia and the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), to include land conservation policies within the MABR.

*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 conserve through purchase thirty percent of lands within the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) to meet the thirty percent of BC's land by 2030 provincial conservation target. Nor have they considered the request that the Province include land conservation policies within the MABR.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions such as:

- 2023-EB55, 2021-SR2, 2019-B36, 2017-B66, 2016-C27 all of which sought protection of old growth forest areas in BC;
- 2021-EB44, 2020-EB61, 2019-B36, 2019-B155, 2018-B34, 2017-B65, 2017-B115, 2016-B25 all of which sought better land use planning that ensure decision making takes into account the cumulative effects on the environment, such as watersheds;
- 2015-B24 which asked the Province to provide core, multi-year funding to the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership to assist its members to implement the conservation strategy; and
- 2013-B104 which asked the Province to provide adequate resources to the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership.

The Committee would note that the Province has undertaken a number of conservation related measures related to protection of Old growth and has also released its Draft Framework on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health in November 2023, with the Minister responsible noting that it “is an important step towards the provincial government’s commitment to prioritize the conservation and management of ecosystem health and biodiversity, including the conservation and recovery of species at risk, which will align all existing related initiatives and set the path for co-development and implementation of new policies, legislation, and strategies.”

The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, and advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

Part 1 - Section “B” – This section contains **regionally focused** resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse.

There were no Regional Resolutions submitted by the deadline that support existing policy and are recommend Endorse.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 7, 2024 resolutions deadline. Should any of these resolutions be endorsed, they will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention.

Part 2 - Section "A" – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation, Not Endorse, or No Action Required

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R3) Respiratory Syncytial virus (RSV) Vaccine

District of Port Hardy

Whereas in 2024, the availability of Arexvy, a vaccine approved by Health Canada in August for adults aged 60 and over, marks a significant milestone in protecting older adults against the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Arexvy has demonstrated nearly 83 per cent efficacy in preventing lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV and a 94 per cent efficacy in preventing severe RSV-associated illness, according to the FDA's analysis of data;

And whereas the authorization of Arexvy for use in Canada addresses the critical need for preventing RSV in older adults, who may face greater risks of severe outcomes, including hospitalization. The potential overwhelming of the hospital system, as experienced during the pandemic, underscores the importance of safeguarding the health of older adults by preventing RSV infections:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia to treat the RSV vaccine as an essential preventative measure, similar to other critical vaccines, and work towards subsidizing its cost to eliminate the burden of a \$300 per full dose on individuals seeking protection against RSV.

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 work towards subsidizing the cost of a Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cost to eliminate the burden of a \$300 per full dose on individuals seeking protection against RSV.

R4) Pre-Hospital Care - Demands on Local Governments

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the provision of pre-hospital care is a critical aspect of health care in British Columbia and Fire Departments, funded by local governments, have traditionally played a significant role in delivering pre-hospital care and that pre-hospital care falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial government;

And whereas the increasing workload related to pre-hospital care, particularly in the area of medical first response, has put significant pressure on local governments arising from the need to allocate additional resources for training, fuel, vehicle maintenance, consumables, and staffing:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently appeal to the Province of British Columbia to take immediate steps to adequately staff and operate pre-hospital care services autonomously,

assuming full responsibility for pre-hospital care, alleviating the burden on local governments and ensuring the provision of efficient and effective emergency medical services.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that while the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolutions asking for the provincial government to staff and operate pre-hospital care services autonomously; the UBCM membership did endorse resolution 2023-EB4, which asked the provincial government to develop a funding model to compensate local governments who provide emergency medical services through their fire and rescue services fulfilling the responsibility of the provincial government with consideration given to community population and the fire department's authorized level of emergency medical response.

More generally, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2023-EB4, 2023-EB5, 2023-EB6, 2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).

R5) Grants to Named Health Facilities

Comox Valley RD

Whereas regional hospital districts are empowered to direct capital funding grants only to hospitals and hospitals facilities named by the Ministry of Health;

And whereas rural, remote and Indigenous communities often rely upon community health clinics for medical care in the absence of any nearby health-authority owned and operated facilities:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of BC review the *Hospital District Act* to provide enhanced authority to regional hospital districts to direct capital and operational grants to non-profit community health clinics and centres in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the Province to review the Hospital District Act to provide enhanced authority to regional hospital districts to direct capital and operational grants to non-profit community health clinics and centres in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2017-B96 which asked the Province to review and update the Hospital District Act expeditiously and invite input from the regional hospital districts in British Columbia in order to clarify the mandate and role of hospital districts.

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2013-B122 which asked for the Hospital District Act be amended to provide enabling legislation authorizing regional hospital districts to requisition funds to support the capital costs of hospice societies and centres located within a regional hospital district.

**R6) Addressing the Impact of Provincial Policy on Local Governments,
Taxation Equity, and Interim Policing Cost Support**

City of Langford

Whereas the City of Langford acknowledges the vital role of health care, mental health care, and social services in building a resilient and safe community;

And whereas the Province's failure to meet its commitments in these areas has unfairly burdened local governments, straining local resources and compromising public safety, thus exacerbating social inequity through heightened property taxes:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM strongly urge increased provincial funding and support for health care, mental health care, and comprehensive housing initiatives to alleviate the strain on local government resources and enhance public safety;

And be it further resolved that the AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to demonstrate good faith by covering the heightened share of policing costs, recognizing the provincial responsibility in shifting these public safety costs to local governments due to inadequate provision of social services and health care.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking increased provincial funding and support for health care, mental health care, and comprehensive housing initiatives to alleviate the strain on local government resources and enhance public safety, as well as asking the Province to cover the heightened share of policing costs.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking action and funding from the Province to address:

Health Care:

- *resourcing and strengthening of Primary Care Networks, Clinics and Health Centres (2023-EB7, 2022-EB15, 2022-NR6, 2021-EB63, 2016-B44);*
- *recruitment and retention of medical practitioners (2022-SR1, 2022-EB17, 2017-B42, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162); and*
- *additional resources for health care in rural and remote communities in BC (2023-SR1).*

Mental Health Care:

- *improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2023-EB1, 2022-SR2, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 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).*

Housing:

- *provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2023-EB11, 2023-NR21, 2022-EB24, 2022-EB25, 2022-EB26, 2022-NR14, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128, 2003-B40).*
- *improve shelter aid for elderly renters (SAFER) (2023-EB16, 2022-EB28, 2013-E53);*
- *review provincial permitting processes that relate to local government development and infrastructure projects and investigate opportunities to streamline those processes (2023-EB12, 2021-LR3, 2020-EB52, 2019-B153);*

- request that the Province invest in a new supportive housing model, along with an integrated approach to housing supports and regional health services (2020-EB80);
- request for increased funding levels from the Province to BC Housing in order to mandate and assure that community outreach services and the stability of an adequately skilled staff are components of supportive housing developments that are vital in local communities (2020-EB82); and
- ensure all forms of social services (mental health services, addiction services, social assistance services, employment services, etc.) also referred to as “wrap-around services” are available to individuals housed in homeless housing at the housing site or within a short walking distance (2019-B68).

Criminal Rehabilitation/Public Safety:

- crime prevention and harm reduction solutions in communities across the province (2022-EB44, 2020-EB7, 2015-B54, 2011-B15, 2008-B67, 2005-B3);
- consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences (2022-NR36);
- improve capacity in the provincial court system by funding, province-wide, coordinated and collaborative alternatives to the court system (2021-EB11);
- enact legislative and regulatory changes to the criminal justice system to apply stricter penalties and ensure adequate incarceration of prolific criminals, as well as the consistent use of electronic monitoring when individuals are released on conditions (2021-NR3);
- ensure prolific offenders are “sentenced effectively,” and supported by credible programs to address underlying challenges such as substance abuse or mental illness (2015-B54);
- amend or create laws or policies that will prohibit offenders labeled high risk, following their release from prison, from residing in the community or the vicinity of the community where they committed their crime(s) (2007-A2);
- escalate sentences for chronic offenders as part of a national integrated crime reduction strategy that also seeks to re-emphasize the protection of society and the responsibility of individuals for their criminal behaviour (2007-B89); and
- change the law with respect to “repeat offenders,” including conditions around release into the community, treatment programs and rehabilitation benchmarks (2006-B137).

Policing Costs:

- RCMP cost sharing agreements (2023-NR34, 2022-NR33, 2020-EB5, 2016-B75); and
- ensure that adequate funding, or provincially funded police resources, be provided to the host local government in order to offset the additional operational impacts that certain provincial facilities (such as mental health and addictions centres, correctional facilities, shelters, and transitional and supportive housing) have on policing services in that community (2022-NR34).

R7) Urging Legal Action for Constitutional Accountability: Addressing Provincial Failures in Healthcare, Criminal Rehabilitation, and Public Safety Responsibilities

City of Langford

Whereas the Province, as outlined in the *Constitution Act*, 1867, bears constitutional responsibilities for essential services, including healthcare, including mental healthcare, and the administration of justice, including the administration of criminal rehabilitation through prisons;

And whereas it is observed that the Province has failed to adequately fulfill these constitutional responsibilities, resulting in an ineffectual and inequitable downshift of the associated

responsibilities and costs to municipalities, particularly impacting their ability to address social issues related to healthcare, mental health care, and public safety:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM direct its members to explore the viability of initiating a legal proceeding against the Province to address the failure of the Province to meet its constitutional responsibilities, specifically in the areas of healthcare, mental healthcare, and the administration of criminal rehabilitation through correctional facilities, leading to an undue burden on municipalities and compromising public safety.

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

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution looking to explore the viability of legal proceedings against the Province to address the failure of the Province to meet its constitutional responsibilities, specifically in the areas of healthcare, mental healthcare, and the administration of criminal rehabilitation through correctional facilities.

While these are significant issues for local governments, UBCM has always promoted a spirit of consultation and cooperation with the provincial government and would advise caution around the approach that has been proposed by the sponsor.

The Committee would note that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking action and funding from the provincial government to improve the provision of health care, mental health care and correctional facilities.

HOUSING

R8) Provincial Housing Coordinator

City of Nanaimo

Whereas the number of people experiencing homelessness or housing instability across the Province has been increasing at an unprecedented rate;

And whereas the Province has invested considerable funds in supportive housing, the majority of which operate as low barrier facilities making it challenging for individuals in recovery to secure housing options that support an addiction-free lifestyle:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to establish a Provincial Housing Coordinator to work directly with those persons who are experiencing homelessness and who are not in need of supports, to find suitable housing.

*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 establish a Provincial Housing Coordinator to work directly with those persons who are experiencing homelessness and who are not in need of supports, to find suitable housing.

However, the Committee notes that the membership supported special resolution 2020-SR10 titled Minimal Barrier Shelter Standards, which asked the Province to direct BC Housing to ensure that

policies support adequate shelter space throughout the province for those individuals needing to be sheltered in a safe, clean and sober environment.

More generally, the membership has also endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to work to provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2022-NR14, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128).

R9) Emergency Shelters and Compliance with BC Building Code and BC Fire Code City of Nanaimo

Whereas many communities are experiencing a crisis-level influx of homeless individuals and the existence of emergency shelters is critical to addressing the safety of people experiencing homelessness;

And whereas due to the urgent nature of the need and the lack of suitable building stock in many communities, emergency shelters are frequently operating from buildings that do not meet the major occupancy classification requirements of the BC Building Code, nor the requirements of the BC Fire Code, placing local governments at risk of incurring liability if they do not enforce the codes and risking shutting down emergency shelters if they do enforce the codes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province work with the Building Safety Standards Branch to establish some reasonable variances to the BC Building Code and BC Fire Code to enable emergency shelters to remain open.

*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 work with the Building Safety Standards Branch to establish some reasonable variances to the BC Building Code and BC Fire Code to enable emergency shelters to remain open.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed wide ranging resolutions calling for increased supports in the provision of shelter for homeless and vulnerable individuals, including 2020-SR10, 2022-NR64, 2023-EB18.

R10) Housing Authority Feasibility Study Work

**Comox Valley RD
City of Courtenay
Village of Cumberland
City of Powell River**

Whereas non-market housing is in critical need throughout the province, and the provision of such housing is currently severely challenged by supply conditions, lack of adequate funding, and lack of capacity by local governments to support the provision and management of such housing;

And whereas some municipalities and regional districts in British Columbia have created entities, such as housing authorities, which successfully increase the supply of non-market housing by providing and managing such housing, the process of planning and then creating these entities involves significant staff time and other costs:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province of BC to provide grant funding for municipalities and regional districts to plan and create entities that provide and manage non-market housing in their communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that while UBCM membership has supported wide ranging policy calling for more supports and funding for housing, the membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide grant funding for municipalities and regional districts to plan and create entities that provide and manage non-market housing in their communities.

The Committee notes that while housing has historically been the responsibility of federal and provincial governments, local governments continue to seek innovative ways to address the housing crisis, including via the creation of housing authorities.

R11) Development Cost Charges for Affordable Housing

Comox Valley RD

Whereas municipalities and regional districts are able to levy development cost charges (DCC) on new development to help pay for the capital costs of growth-related infrastructure;

And whereas local governments are challenged with both adequately funding infrastructure and providing waivers or exemptions to development cost charges for certain types of supportive and rental housing:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to further increase funding levels to BC Housing and mandate the inclusion of funding to pay for development costs charges as part of all capital grants for affordable housing projects.

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 further increase funding levels to BC Housing and mandate the inclusion of funding for development costs charges as part of all capital grants.

However, the Committee notes that the members supported resolution 2019-SR2 which asked that the Province conduct a comprehensive review of existing funding mechanisms for financing growth-related infrastructure services, including Development Cost Charges and Amenity Agreements.

More generally, the membership has also endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to work to provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2022-NR14, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128), and wide ranging resolutions calling for increased infrastructure funding (2023-EB11, 2022-EB34, 2020-SR5, 2020-EB35).

R12) BC Secondary Suite Incentive Program

North Coast RD

Whereas the BC government aims to create more housing in all of BC through the introduction of the pilot Secondary Suite Incentive Program (SSIP);

And whereas eligibility for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program does not include properties within many regional district electoral areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the BC government to expand the Secondary Suite Incentive Program to include all electoral areas thereby reducing inequities and barriers to participation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to expand the Secondary Suite Incentive Program to include electoral areas thereby reducing inequities and barriers to participation.

More generally, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to work to provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2022-EB26, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128, 2003-B40). In particular, resolution 2022-EB26 asked for tax exemptions for all income derived from the rental of secondary suites as a measure to encourage the provision of safe and affordable housing.

The Committee also notes that the Province has indicated the intent to review expansion of the program, in part based on whether or not building permit/inspection services are in place:

“Fifteen of B.C.’s 27 regional districts have the necessary building bylaws, and building-permit and inspection services across their electoral areas that make them eligible for the SSIP pilot. The Province will review whether it can add some of the remaining regional districts in years 2 or 3 of the SSIP, as either they do not have building bylaws and permit/inspection services or they are only provided to some areas.” (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HOUS0015-000107>)

The Committee also notes that not all of B.C.’s regional districts have the necessary building bylaws, and building-permit and inspection services across their electoral areas and that expanding the program would not provide those without the necessary services the ability to benefit from the SSIP pilot in its current form.

R13) Equitable Funding of Police Services

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the City of Port Alberni funds the greatest number of RCMP members and pays significantly higher police costs per capita and per household compared to other local governments in the Alberni Valley, placing a significant burden on its taxpayers under the current Police Services funding model for British Columbia that does not take into account the financial commitment or funding contribution of each jurisdiction;

And whereas systemic social issues outside of a local government's mandate, such as poverty, addiction, and mental health challenges, contribute to increased call volumes and demands on police services, creating high police services costs that are further exacerbated by the need to respond to and manage the impacts of these systemic social issues:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently appeal to the Province of British Columbia to develop an equitable Police Services funding program for all BC municipalities and regional districts that takes into account the financial capacity and population size of each jurisdiction, as well as the additional demands placed on police services due to systemic social issues outside of a local government's mandate.

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 develop an equitable police services funding model for all BC local governments that takes into consideration the financial capacity and population of each jurisdiction, as well as additional demands placed on police services due to systemic social issues outside of a local government's mandate.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported numerous resolutions related to police funding and resources, including those seeking changes to the RCMP cost-sharing formula (2023-NR34, 2022-NR33, 2020-EB5, 2016-B75); as well as, requests for police resource allocation in rural areas and/or increases to the authorized strength of the provincial police force (2020-EB7, 2019-A3, 2018-B88, 2017-B6, 2016-B82, 2014-B6, 2013-B7, 2012-A4, 2012-B1).

In 2020, the Province announced its intent to review the Police Act, subsequently creating the all-party Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act (SCRPA). As part of its submission to the SCRPA, UBCM recommended that the Province undertake a comprehensive, cross-departmental and cross-governmental public safety review to ensure necessary resources are available in all services areas (e.g., policing, healthcare, housing, etc.). In its final report, the SCRPA recommended that the Province "create and appropriately fund a continuum of response to mental health, addictions and other complex social issues." The Special Committee also recommended that the Province create a fair and equitable funding model for local governments that includes "consideration of local needs, health and social supports, and the geography of a service delivery area." UBCM continues to work with the

Province, through the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable, to address these and other policing modernization priorities.

R14) Modernize the Police Cost Sharing Formulas

Town of View Royal

Whereas inflation, officer burnout, rising equipment costs, and rapidly increasing officer salaries have made the existing cost sharing formulas and RCMP policing costs unsustainable for local governments;

And whereas the Province's housing legislation, including Bill 44 and Bill 47, could potentially lead to increased policing costs, while Bill 46 will allow for police facilities to be funded through development cost charges, but will not help address the issue of police capacity:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to work with local governments to develop a new RCMP funding framework that gradually increases the cost-share rate for local governments at the 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 and 40,000 population thresholds.

And be it further resolved that the above amendments be implemented immediately, prior to the 2026 federal census.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking changes to the RCMP cost-sharing formula (2023-NR34, 2022-NR33, 2020-EB5, 2016-B75), but have not considered a request that the new cost sharing framework be implemented prior to the 2026 federal census.

The cost-sharing models for municipalities over 5,000 in population are outlined in the 20-year Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA) that these municipalities have signed with the Province, and which do not expire until March 31, 2032. The provisions in these Agreements, including the cost-sharing model, may be reviewed through the Five Year Review process (see article 21.0 of the MPUA). During each of the first two Five Year Reviews (2017 and 2022), UBCM has sought input from the membership through The Compass and other forums.

In 2020, the Province announced its intent to review the Police Act, subsequently creating the all-party Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act (SCRPA). In its final report, the SCRPA recommended that the Province create a fair and equitable funding model for local governments that includes "exploring options to phase in or incrementally increase the municipal share of policing costs." UBCM continues to work with the Province, through the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable, to address these and other policing modernization priorities.

The Committee notes that Bill 44 and Bill 47 refer to the Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, and the Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, respectively, both of which are intended to increase housing supply in part through densification. Bill 46 refers to the Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023, which updates the

development financing regime by establishing a framework for 'Amenity Cost Charges' and expanding eligible categories for development cost charges.

R15) Fail to Appear Charges

City of Duncan

Whereas 100% of Fail to Appear charges at provincial courthouses are assigned to the policing statistics of the local government in which the courthouse is located, having a disproportionate impact on the policing costs assigned to small municipalities with courthouses that serve a much broader area outside their jurisdiction;

And whereas this inflates the Criminal Code case load for all local governments with courthouses within their jurisdiction and results in an unfair burden to the taxpayers of those local governments, especially considering that Fail to Appear cases have no effect on the workload of the local detachment:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to direct that Fail to Appear charges be excluded from the policing statistics of local governments with courthouses.

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 exclude charges for failure to appear in court from the policing statistics of local governments with courthouses.

R16) Automated Licence Plate Recognition Funding

City of Langford

Whereas the City of Langford recognizes the importance of safety and compliance to the *Motor Vehicle Act* for all road users;

And whereas the discontinuation of vehicle licence plate validation decals in British Columbia has negatively impacted law enforcement officers in their ability to detect and enforce uninsured motor vehicle violations:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM petition to the Province and ICBC to provide local governments and police agencies with the required funds to procure Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) hardware for all law enforcement vehicles in British Columbia.

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 and ICBC to provide local governments and police agencies with the required funding to procure Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) hardware for all law enforcement vehicles in British Columbia.

ALPR technology is currently being used in a limited capacity by BC police agencies to remove unlawful drivers from the road, and to identify Motor Vehicle Act infractions and criminal activity.

ENVIRONMENT

R17) Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice

Islands Trust

Whereas there have been barriers to uptake of alternatives to plumbed sewage disposal systems despite their allowance under the Sewerage System Regulation and the 2016 Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice;

And whereas these barriers to uptake may include overly conservative requirements (and their application) for onsite application criteria for residuals in the Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Health to review the Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice to update the onsite application criteria for residuals based on current scientific knowledge; and provide funding for demonstration projects and for practitioners' professional development on composting toilets and greywater practices.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Ministry of Health to review the Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice to update the onsite application criteria for residuals based on current scientific knowledge; and provide funding for demonstration projects and for practitioners' professional development on composting toilets and greywater practices.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR44 which asked the Province to enact legislation to empower local governments to require water conservation and grey water use in relation to plumbing and drainage requirements for new buildings or the retrofitting of old buildings. The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2012-B145 which sought the use of reclaimed or non-potable water (greywater) sources in plumbing systems.

The Committee also advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2018-B125 which sought to conserve water usage in new buildings by requesting an update to the Building Code to make the installation of waterless urinals mandatory in all new dwellings built.

R18) Ban on Rodent Glue Traps

Town of View Royal
District of Saanich

Whereas glue traps are an ineffective method for controlling rodents as they fail to address the root causes of an infestation, including access to food and shelter, and they cause fear, pain and distress

for captured animals, including rodents and non-target animals like birds, bats, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and household pets;

And whereas most users are not capable of humanely killing trapped animals, leaving them to suffer for hours, and even days, before dying of suffocation, dehydration, starvation, exhaustion, or exposure:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a province-wide ban on the sale, purchase, and use of glue traps.

*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 province-wide ban on the sale, purchase, and use of rodent glue traps.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported other resolutions addressing rodents, including:

- *2021-NR40 which called on the Province to allow local governments to enact bylaws regulating rodenticide use in the newly created Urban Interface Areas;*
- *2020-LR2 (UBCM Executive endorsed) which called on the Province to implement a province-wide ban on the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides, and call for the Minister of Health to initiate a special review of the regulation of anticoagulant rodenticides; and*
- *2017-B108 which sought the development and funding of a strategy to reduce and/or control the rat population in BC.*

LAND USE

R19) Amendments to the *Land Title Act*

City of Courtenay

Whereas the BC Government is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 16% below 2007 levels by 2025, 40% by 2030, and 80% by 2050;

And whereas the *Land Title Act*, RSBC 1996, c 250, permits the registration of a building scheme that imposes restrictions consistent with a general scheme of development;

And whereas these building schemes have been used to prohibit or restrict the installation of roof top solar panels;

And whereas such prohibitions or restrictions are a barrier to the generation of renewable energy and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Ministry of Attorney General to consider amendments to the *Land Title Act* similar to its existing section 222 that would prohibit and render

void any building schemes that purport to prohibit or restrict the installation of roof top solar panels, or any other renewable energy systems.

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 for amendments to the Land Title Act similar to its existing section 222 that would prohibit and render void any building schemes that purport to prohibit or restrict the installation of roof top solar panels, or any other renewable energy systems.

More generally, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions that seek to financial incent and make it easier to add solar panels to homes (2022-NR18 and 2009-B166).

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling for provincial assistance and programs to support and incent energy retrofits of buildings to, in-part, help lower GHG emissions (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25).

TRANSPORTATION

R20) Ports Prioritization

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas public wharves and docks are critical transportation links for people, supplies, and emergency services in coastal communities, and there is a lack of coordinated provincial and federal priority setting and funding to support and maintain critical connectivity along BC's 25,000 kilometres of coastline;

And whereas the federal government divested government wharves, and the responsibility for maintenance and management of public ports has fallen entirely on local taxpayers and nonprofit groups, and the provincial government does not have a ministry responsible for dealing with for the complex issues involving public ports, especially in unincorporated areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial and federal governments, review BC's marine network as a whole and identify ports that are vulnerable to long-term funding concerns as well as extreme weather events for more sustained public support to maintain critical connectivity along BC's 25,000 kilometres of coastline to meet the long term economic, social, and emergency needs of coastal residents;

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 review BC's marine network and commit to greater support for ports that are vulnerable to long-term funding concerns and extreme weather events.

However, the Committee notes that members endorsed resolution 2014-B52, which called on the federal government to retain, operate, and manage its infrastructure—including coastal infrastructure such as ports and wharves.

The Committee further notes that at the time of the federal government’s Ports Divestiture program, the UBCM membership endorsed resolutions asking the federal government to maintain fiscal responsibility for dock facilities, and minimize the cost impacts to local governments, including:

- annual federal funding for essential dock facilities in BC to be maintained to safe public access and cargo transportation standards (2001-B25); and*
- federal review of the intent and relevance of the National Marine Policy (1995), with particular focus on the record of the divestiture process, the effects of its implementation on coastal communities, and its cumulative costs (2000-A16).*

The Committee acknowledges that these are dated references.

R21) Ports Maintenance

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas public wharves and docks are critical transportation links for people, supplies, and emergency services in coastal communities, and there is a lack of coordinated provincial and federal priority setting and funding to support and maintain critical connectivity along BC's 25,000 kilometres of coastline;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for maintaining the roads leading to public ports and continues to approve subdivision applications for water-only access residential developments;

And whereas evolving transportation technology and climate change requires a complete reconsideration of the design of small ports to meet future needs:

Therefore, be it resolved that the provincial government fund the creation of engineering best practices for building ports to meet future transportation needs and climate resilience and provide financial support for the primary access ports.

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

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the provincial government to develop engineering best practices for building ports to meet future transportation needs and climate resilience, and provide financial support for the primary access ports.

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The Committee acknowledges that these are dated references.

R22) Derelict Vehicles in Remote Communities

North Coast RD

Whereas remote communities in BC are struggling with the accumulation of numerous derelict vehicles;

And whereas disposal facilities in remote communities have limited capacity and a lack of infrastructure to internally manage derelict vehicles or ship to end-markets:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Province of BC for grant funding to be made available for remote communities to undertake cleanup of derelict vehicles.

*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 specifically for grant funding to be made available for remote coastal communities to undertake cleanup of derelict vehicles.

The issue of derelict and abandoned vehicles on provincial roads in unincorporated areas is not new. The Committee would observe that in endorsing previous resolutions on this topic, the UBCM membership asked for funding for provincial agencies or the RCMP provincial police force to take responsibility for cleanup of abandoned vehicles on provincial roads (2021-EB17, 2020-EB10).

This resolution from North Coast Regional District proposes that the provincial government fund local governments to undertake removal of derelict vehicles from provincial roads. The request in this resolution suggests downloading of a provincial responsibility onto local governments, and is contrary to the resolutions previously endorsed by the UBCM membership.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R23) Halt Reductions to the Annual Allowable Cut

City of Campbell River

Whereas forestry is, and continues to be, a critical industry across British Columbia, providing not only well-paying jobs to both urban and rural remote communities, including approximately 1200

direct jobs in Campbell River, but significant tax contributions to fund key municipal infrastructure and provincial services;

And whereas value added manufacturing will be unable to thrive unless primary forestry partners can have predictable, sustainable levels of harvesting land base:

Therefore be it resolved that that AVICC and UBCM Executive call on the Ministry of Forests to immediately halt any further reductions to the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and meet with industry to better understand the impacts of a reduced AAC to the entire forest 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 immediately halt any further reductions to the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and meet with industry to better understand the impacts of a reduced AAC to the entire forest industry.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2023-NR88 which called upon the Province to streamline and expedite the necessary approvals for forestry practices, including cutting permits (CPs), annual allowable cut (AAC), and necessary First Nations consultation within BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and to strictly follow stated approval timelines.

Alternatively, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed late resolution 2023-LR1 which called on the Province to immediately defer its current land base initiatives until a comprehensive inventory is conducted after the 2023 wildfire season, in order to understand if the current land base initiatives remain in the best interest of the Province.

The Committee also notes that the membership has supported special resolution 2021-SR2 which asked the Province to engage and consult with local governments and Indigenous communities as it moves forward to implement recommendations within the Modernizing Forest Policy in BC Intentions Paper, including matters related to old growth designations and deferrals, recognizing that there will be implications and impacts for workers and communities that will require economic transition support.

R24) Provincial Employee Support

Village of Zeballos

Whereas the Province of British Columbia implements changes to legislation in anticipation of providing benefit to all British Columbians;

And whereas not all rural, remote communities are provided with capacity to fulfill new legislative requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province provide subject specific provincial employees on a regional level to support local governments with the increased legislative changes.

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 provide subject specific provincial employees on a regional level to support local governments with the increased legislative changes.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported numerous resolutions seeking additional staffing help in a variety of areas, including:

- *sought more judicial resources (judges and crown counsel lawyers) (2018-B60, 2018-B89, 2011-B9);*
- *more health care workers in rural and remote communities (2023-SR1);*
- *managing recruitment and retention of paramedics, maintaining adequate staffing levels and delivery of service in rural communities (2022-EB5, 2022-EB7, 2021-EB61, 2021-EB62, 2020-EB74, 2017-B133); and*
- *increasing police resource allocation in rural areas and/or the need to increase the authorized strength of the provincial police force (2023-NR35, 2020-EB7, 2019-A3, 2018-B88, 2017-B6, 2016-B82, 2014-B6, 2013-B7, 2012-A4, 2012-B1).*

As well, members endorsed resolutions seeking more public sector housing for essential service personnel (2021-NR55).

The Committee would note that after communicating with the sponsor, they were able to explain that the “increased legislative changes” referred to in the enactment clause includes: Wildfire recovery, Accessibility legislation, BC Emergency Health Services, NextGen 911, Emergency and Disaster Management Act, Drinking Water Guidelines, Housing legislation, Asset Retirement requirements, Declaration Act requirements, Climate Action reporting, Pre-Tax Sales requirements and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy requirements.

R25) Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

District of Saanich

Whereas there currently is no provincial legislation to address the need for strategic foresight by requiring public bodies to plan and take action in pursuit of economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing in their areas and for interconnected objectives;

And whereas short-term thinking, fragmented decision-making, siloed approaches, and a lack of emphasis on the long-term consequences of these decisions have led to the persistence of social, environmental, and economic issues and inequities:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM lobby the provincial government to develop a “Wellbeing of Future Generations Act” that requires public bodies to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the AVICC membership has never considered this resolution, and that the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse, the same resolution from the same sponsor last year: 2023-NR93.

The Committee would advise that this resolution is requesting the establishment of an Act that would seek to legislate public bodies to “think about the long-term impact of their decisions”; “work better with people, communities and each other”; and “prevent persistent problems such as poverty health inequalities and climate change.” While the objectives raised by the sponsor are laudable it is not clear how these types of behavioural actions could be enshrined in provincial legislation and monitored in a manner that would allow these objectives to be evaluated.

R26) UBCM First Nation Membership

Village of Zeballos

Whereas First Nation representation within the Union of BC Municipalities membership are underrepresented;

And whereas the Province of BC has adopted the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM provide an outreach program to British Columbia's First Nations on becoming full UBCM members.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Action Required**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that requests UBCM to provide an outreach program to BC's First Nations on becoming full UBCM members.

However, the Committee notes that resolution 2016-B101 was referred to the UBCM Executive, who upon consideration, chose to endorse this resolution. 2016-B101 asked that the UBCM membership formally recognize the ability for all First Nation governments (both treaty and non-treaty) to join UBCM as members, so long as they meet the UBCM membership criteria of a) elected representation; b) ability to tax; and c) ability to exercise regulatory power or provide local services. The resolution also asked UBCM to inform First Nations of UBCM membership criteria and advise those that meet UBCM criteria and agree to pay annual dues, that they may join UBCM.

To fulfill the intent of second part of the 2016 resolution, awareness of UBCM membership eligibility, UBCM wrote to First Nations Summit to make them aware of the resolution but also to share the fact that UBCM membership was open to both treaty and non-treaty First Nations, who met the eligibility criteria for membership. We encouraged First Nations Summit to share the information with their membership as an awareness raising exercise to the broader First Nations community. The First Nations Summit was UBCM's contact point as we have a long-standing working relationship with the organization by way of a Protocol on Consultation and Cooperation since 2001, as well as through the co-management of the Community to Community (C2C) funding program, and co-host of the Province-wide C2C Forum for local governments and First Nations. Due to these efforts the Committee is offering a recommendation of No Action Required.

UBCM is pleased to advise that our First Nations membership currently includes both treaty and non-treaty First Nations; and we welcomed our most recent non-treaty First Nation member in February 2024, Skwłax te Secwépemcúlecw. AVICC has extended an invitation for First Nation participation at our AGM & Convention to the First Nation Chiefs from communities in our region.

Part 2 - Section "B" – This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R27) First Responder Calls by Fire Rescue Departments

District of Tofino

Whereas BC fire rescue service departments, operating under career, composite, or volunteer models, are experiencing increased demands in emergency medical response calls in support of the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) system;

And whereas the fire departments that provide these services, authorized under the Emergency Medical Assistant (EMA) first responder program, currently do not receive remuneration or funding for their critical support within the BCEHS system:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM endorse and advocate to the Province for the establishment of a remuneration system for BC fire rescue service departments providing medical care in conjunction with the BCEHS system, with considerations for the cost of personnel, training, and replacement of consumed supplies.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2023-EB4, 2023-EB5, 2023-EB6, 2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).

**R28) Provincial Cost Recovery for Emergency Medical Services Provided
by Fire Departments**

RD of Nanaimo

Whereas BC fire rescue service departments, operating under career, composite, or volunteer models, are experiencing increased demands in emergency medical response calls while there is inadequate funding for the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) system;

And whereas the fire departments that provide these services, authorized under the Emergency Medical Assistant (EMA) first responder program, currently do so on a community-by-community basis creating an inconsistent provincial approach to emergency medical assistance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM endorse and advocate to the Province for the establishment of a cohesive financial emergency medical assistant framework, with considerations for the cost of personnel, training, province-wide consistency, and the replacement of consumed supplies for fire rescue service departments, as part of advocacy for a modernized financial framework for local governments in BC.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2023-EB4, 2023-EB5, 2023-EB6, 2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26). But the membership has not considered the request as a part of advocacy for a modernized financial framework for local governments in BC.

R29) Pre-Hospital Care – Cover Costs of Local Governments

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the provision of pre-hospital care is a critical aspect of health care in British Columbia and Fire Departments, funded by local governments, have traditionally played a significant role in delivering pre-hospital care and that pre-hospital care falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial government;

And whereas the increasing workload related to pre-hospital care, particularly in the area of medical first response, has put significant pressure on local governments arising from the need to allocate additional resources for training, fuel, vehicle maintenance, consumables, and staffing:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently appeal to the Province of British Columbia to take immediate steps to provide adequate funding to local governments to cover the cost of Fire

Department First Responder programs to help alleviate the financial strain on local governments and ensure the continued provision of essential pre-hospital care services.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2023-EB4, 2023-EB5, 2023-EB6, 2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).

R30) Mental Health Liaison Officers

City of Nanaimo

Whereas RCMP members continue to respond to a significant number of calls for service for individuals dealing with mental health challenges and Mental Health Liaison Officers have proven to be an effective resource for assisting vulnerable citizens requiring support;

And whereas local governments are not provided funding to pay for healthcare and social services and there has been no increase in the Provincial funding model to support these officers responding to chronic/crisis mental health calls:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate for the Province to fund RCMP Mental Health Liaison Officers within local detachments.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed resolutions on this issue, including:

- *2022-EB8 which asked the Province to support an integrated Car 40 Program with appropriate and sustainable funding;*
- *2021-EB60 which asked the Province to provide an integrated health care regional model for a Mobile Crisis Response Car Program; and*
- *2020-SR8 which called for the development of integrated teams of health, police, and other officials on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to manage individuals with mental health issues.*

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2022-EB9, 2022-NR4, 2021-EB54, 2021-EB55, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB59, 2021-EB60, 2020-SR8, 2020-EB79, 2020-NR62, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2014-B70, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

R31) Investment in Complex Care Beds

City of Nanaimo

Whereas in 2022, the BC Emergency Health Services reported a 75% total increase in annual overdose/poisoning events since the toxic drug crisis was declared a public health emergency in 2016

and the BC Provincial Overdose Cohort reports that brain injury is 15 times more likely among people who had experienced drug poisoning than those who had not;

And whereas the number of supports available for individuals requiring complex care due to health challenges related to substance use disorder has proven grossly inadequate for the ever-increasing demand in communities all across British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to increase investment in complex care beds to address the growing demand from those who have suffered serious health impacts from substance use disorder.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking care beds for those suffering with substance use disorder, including:

- *2020-SR8 which asked, in part, to introduce additional long-term care beds to deal specifically with mental illness cases.*
- *2019-B61 which asked to fund significantly more licensed rehabilitation facilities and beds in every local government to enable all those who seek assistance in recovering from addictions an opportunity to beat addictions; and*
- *2010-B145 which asked, in part, for more harm reduction services, including detox and treatment beds.*

More generally, the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2022-EB9, 2022-NR4, 2021-EB54, 2021-EB55, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB59, 2021-EB60, 2020-SR8, 2020-EB79, 2020-NR62, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2014-B70, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

R32) Seniors' Support Assisted Living

District of Saanich

Whereas Statistics Canada reports confirm that both the number and percentage of seniors will grow significantly during the next two decades, both in numbers and overall proportion of the population;

And whereas most serious illnesses requiring either assisted living options and/or hospital care occur later in life and there is a significant shortage of supportive assisted living spaces for seniors, affecting both hospital availability/accessibility and housing options for vulnerable seniors:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM lobby the provincial government to increase the number of supportive assisted living units across British Columbia in a manner aligned with the demographic data to ensure that all seniors can be housed in dignity as they age and to reduce the pressures of the hospital system by so doing.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking additional supportive assisted living units (care beds and facilities) including (2021-EB65, 2009-B52, 2005-B45, 2004-B127).

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed other related resolutions, including requests for:

- *adequate funding for home care, home support and assisted living, through to and including critical care (2023-NR5, 2009-B52, 2007-B191, 2006-B155, 2005-B48, 2004-B129);*
- *enhanced coordinated health and social support programs for seniors across BC (2022-EB12, 2018-B53, 2017-B51, 2012-B41, 2011-A4, 2011-B63, 2007-B152, 2006-B162);*
- *creation of a new tax credit program to encourage home renovations for, in part, aging in place projects (2016-B46); and*
- *restoration of long-term care facilities throughout the province, sufficient to meet the needs of citizens in their communities (2006-B159).*

R33) Implementing Accessibility BC Act Recommendations

City of Parksville

Whereas the *Accessible British Columbia Act* passed by the provincial government in 2021 requires local governments to develop accessibility plans to identify, remove and prevent barriers;

And whereas local governments have limited financial abilities and staff resources to implement accessibility recommendations on an ongoing basis:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province create an annual funding model (accessibility fund) designed to assist local governments to implement accessibility recommendations.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2023-NR3 which asked the Province to establish a granting stream with UBCM to support local governments in the development and implementation of their accessibility plans.

Staff note that the Province has created a funding program for local governments through SPARC BC. Funds can be used for the development and implementation of accessibility plans. The Resolutions Committee notes that the SPARC BC Local Community Accessibility Grant Program provides one-time funding, and is not an annual funding model.

HOUSING

R34) Funding for Seniors Housing in Rural Areas

Village of Gold River

Whereas seniors, in the increasing demographic of those over 65, in rural BC have limited range of options for housing;

And whereas rural BC local municipalities have limited financial resources to support seniors housing options that allow seniors to age in place in their home community due to financial, social, health and housing vulnerabilities experienced by this increasing demographic:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the provincial government to provide BC Housing with additional funding and support to facilitate new affordable seniors' housing in rural areas.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions seeking more affordable seniors' housing across BC (2018-B55, 2014-B45).

More generally, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking more housing in rural areas (2022-EB24, 2021-EB65, 2021-EB75, 2019-B183).

R35) Extreme Weather Response Shelter System

**City of Courtenay
Comox Valley RD
Village of Cumberland
City of Powell River**

Whereas the Extreme Weather Response (EWR) shelter system was developed more than a decade ago to support community organizations in providing life-saving warm, safe places for unhoused community members to sleep in cold and wet weather, the EWR model does not provide any funding for facility rental costs, security, equipment or resource purchases, nor does it provide any funds for these community organizations to plan for, develop, and deliver EWR shelters in their communities;

And whereas since the EWR program was developed the number of community members experiencing homelessness has grown substantially, and the needs of those community members have, often due to addiction and mental health challenges, become increasingly complex, community organizations in many communities have been unable to provide life-saving EWR shelters with the limited resources available:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to recognize that the EWR program is insufficient to address current social challenges and community capacity to meet those challenges; and that a provincially driven solution be determined in collaboration with community leaders to ensure that:

1. service delivery by existing provincial agencies that are tasked with providing social service supports, including shelter spaces and wrap-around services, is strengthened; and
2. funds are available to rent facilities, provide security and necessary equipment such that the community organizations that are tasked to deliver this program are appropriately resourced.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions that asked the Province to provide adequate funding for, and work with local governments, to open extreme weather response (EWR) shelters and warming and cooling centers under specific circumstances (2023-EB18, 2023-NR28, 2022-EB11, 2021-EB73, 2012-B94).

In particular, resolution 2023-EB18 requests that BC Housing, The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and health authorities ensure that they support local governments with commitments to provide resourcing for dedicated predetermined long-term locations for warming/cooling centres as well as appropriately qualified professionals experienced in managing community members with high health needs including mental health and substance use disorders.

The provincial government's website offers a list of expenses and their eligibility for reimbursement during an extreme weather emergencies:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/514_eligibility_assessment_addendum.pdf

To ensure costs will be reimbursed, an expense authorization form must be submitted to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) for pre-approval.

R36) BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax

North Coast RD

Whereas the BC government implemented a BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax to turn vacant homes into housing for BC residents;

And whereas the BC government continues to expand the BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax program to include new communities:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government that all BC communities, including electoral areas, be given the option to opt-in to the BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax program.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province that all BC communities, including electoral areas, be given the option to opt-in to the BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax program.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions which asks the Province to empower local governments to collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2023-EB14, 2021-EB19, 2020-NR69).

R37) Development Cost Charges for Fire Protection Facilities

District of Lantzville

Whereas the provincial government has passed Bill 46 *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act*, 2023 amending Section 559, subsection (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* to include "fire protection facilities" in the collection of Development Cost Charges (DCCs), but does not specifically define "fire protection facilities";

And whereas many smaller local governments have a limited number of brick-and-mortar fire protection buildings, but a large number of other capital expenses related to fire protection, such as vehicles and equipment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate with the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that "fire protection facilities" be specifically defined in the relevant documentation and/or legislation to include the purchase and maintenance of all capital items related to fire protection including, but not limited to, fire trucks, duty vehicles, hoses, breathing apparatuses, communications equipment and all other capital expenditures that may be required to equip and maintain fire protection services.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported two resolutions that sought to allow Development Cost Charges to be used to fund the cost of fire halls and fire fighting equipment. Resolution 2012-B9 sought to allow development cost charges to be imposed to assist local governments in funding the capital costs of fire halls and fire suppression equipment and other purposes deemed appropriate by the local government that are required as a result of increased development. Resolution 2005-B95 sought a change in legislation allowing municipalities to collect Development Cost Charges for major protective services capital projects (such as fire fighting equipment).

More generally, the membership has supported resolutions that call for the expanded application of Development Cost Charges beyond their current allowable usages to a variety of specific usages including solid waste infrastructure and sport related park infrastructure (2021-EB25, 2020-NR23, 2019-SR2, 2018-B21, 2016-SR1, 2015-B21, 2012-B54, 2011-B35, 2010-B23, 2007-B37).

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 (2021-EB25, 2020-NR23, 2018-B21, 2016-SR1, 2015-B21, 2012-B9, 2012-B54, 2011-B35, 2010-B23, 2007-B37, 2005-B95).

ENVIRONMENT

R38) Heavy Duty Vehicle Climate Emissions

District of Central Saanich

Whereas many local governments in BC have set Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets;

And whereas like other local governments, the District of Central Saanich has made progress in reducing emissions, yet has findings to indicate that heavy-duty truck emissions have increased, while there are few available local government legislative or financial powers to change this trajectory:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the Province to use its financial and legislative powers to take further action to reduce the emissions from the heavy-duty trucks, which may include requiring a higher mixture of biodiesel, electrification, or further incentives to decarbonize heavy-duty vehicle fleets.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed an earlier resolution which sought to reduce emissions from heavy-duty vehicles, 2020-EB27 asked the Province to enact zero-emission vehicle sales requirements for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

FINANCE

R39) Provincial Core Funding for Evolving Public Libraries

**City of Nanaimo
District of Oak Bay
City of Powell River
qathet RD**

Whereas core funding for public libraries in British Columbia has remained unchanged since 2009, limiting their ability to expand and evolve their programming as demand for their services increases;

And whereas the operational requirements of public libraries increasingly require significant and diverse resources to provide front-line community services, including supporting patrons with mental health and addiction issues as well as barriers to housing, providing critical locations of refuge during extreme weather events, providing services to new Canadians, and supporting the process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the provincial government to recognize the evolving and challenging situation for public libraries as well as their unique role as community spaces, and increase annual core funding for libraries to \$30 million in keeping with the request made by the BC Public Library Partners and the recommendation of the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services;

And be it further resolved that this increase in core funding be increased on a yearly basis in keeping with cost of living and inflationary pressures.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking an increase in annual core funding for libraries to \$30 million.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to maintain and increase its funding for public libraries (2023-EB54, 2022-EB59, 2020-EB41, 2019-B28, 2019-B29, 2018-B24, 2017-B60, 2016-B95, 2014-B17, 2012-B71, 2011-B27, 2010-B46, 2008-B57, 2007-B56, 2006-B55, 2006-B56).

R40) Sustainable and Equitable Funding of Library Services

City of Port Alberni

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in communities by providing access to resources, promoting literacy, supporting job seekers and small businesses, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and promoting equity and inclusion;

And whereas public libraries in British Columbia are primarily funded by levies paid by local governments, and provincial funding for libraries has remained stagnant; while the costs to deliver library services and the demand for library services have increased exponentially over time:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM appeal to the Province of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province ensures that BC libraries receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to maintain and increase its funding for public libraries (2023-EB54, 2022-EB59, 2020-EB41, 2019-B28, 2019-B29, 2018-B24, 2017-B60, 2016-B95, 2014-B17, 2012-B71, 2011-B27, 2010-B46, 2008-B57, 2007-B56, 2006-B55, 2006-B56).

R41) Increased Funding for Local Government Infrastructure

Town of Comox

Whereas local governments across BC are facing infrastructure funding shortfalls to maintain current infrastructure and as a result are implementing significant municipal tax increases;

And whereas continued population growth and housing demand is resulting in the need for local governments to expand their recreation, fire, police, parks, and administration services at a level greater than can be accomplished through the use of the newly introduced Amenity Cost Contribution authority:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to provide increased funding to support capital expansions of local government service infrastructure.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions calling for increased infrastructure funding (2023-EB11, 2022-EB34, 2020-SR5, 2020-EB35, 2012-A1).

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that call for the expanded application of Development Cost Charges (DCCs) and legislative authority and consistency for Amenity Contributions (2020-NEB6, 2019-SR2, 2016-SR1, 2015-B21, 2012-B9, 2012-B54, 2011-B35, 2007-B37, 2005-B95). In 2023 the Province passed legislation through Bill 46 addressing, in part, these member resolutions, but as of March 2024 has not yet provided clarity through regulation or policy manual on the implementation of the new legislation.

In 2021 the UBCM membership endorsed the Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency report that included a working partnership between the Province and UBCM to strengthen the local government finance system. UBCM signed an MOU with the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs in 2022 that led to the formation of the Local Government Financial Review Working Group. This group has representatives from UBCM and both ministries with a work plan that includes reviewing the funding of growth-related infrastructure. The Working Group agreed to a shared problem statement recognizing the difficulties local governments report regarding infrastructure capital costs.

R42) Rethinking Local Government Taxation for Equitable and Effective Crisis Response

City of Langford

Whereas local governments, often on the front lines, bear the brunt of addressing shared crises such as climate issues, housing affordability, inequality, public health, and infrastructure challenges;

And whereas the burden on local governments has intensified due to provincial shortcomings in fulfilling their responsibilities, leaving many local governments grappling with insufficient revenue sources, resulting in an over reliance on regressive property taxation:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to promptly fulfill its responsibilities in providing health care, including mental health care, as well as social services and the management of criminal rehabilitation through correctional facilities;

And be it further resolved that in the absence of immediate provincial action, the AVICC and UBCM advocate for a comprehensive and immediate review of local government taxation and revenue sources recognizing the pivotal role of local governments, which, despite these being provincial responsibilities, are left to deal with the repercussions without adequate support from the Province.

*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 fulfill its responsibilities in providing health care, including mental health care, as well as social services and the management of criminal rehabilitation through

correctional facilities. As well as advocate for a comprehensive and immediate review of local government taxation and revenue sources.

However, the Committee notes that in 2021, the UBCM membership endorsed UBCM's Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency report that recognized the historic downloading of jurisdictional responsibility for mental health and addiction services and for supporting attainable housing. The report called for UBCM to work with the Province to develop a comprehensive strategy to address mental health and addictions, and develop and implement a province-wide homelessness strategy.

UBCM signed an MOU with the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs in 2022 that led to the formation of the Local Government Financial Review Working Group. This group has representatives from UBCM and both ministries with a work plan that includes reviewing the current local government property tax system and opportunities for sharing taxation/revenues to strengthen the local government finance system.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to create revenue sharing programs as a way of establishing new revenue sources for local governments (2015-B82, 2011-B28, 2011-B29, 2011-B30, 2010-B24, 2010-B76, 2009-B30, 2009-LR9, 2008-B119, 2006-B24, 2005-B18, 2005-B20, 2005-B106, 2004-A6, 2004-A8, 2004-B11, 2004-B111).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking action and funding from the Province to address:

Health Care:

- resourcing and strengthening of Primary Care Networks, Clinics and Health Centres (2023-EB7, 2022-EB15, 2022-NR6, 2021-EB63, 2016-B44);*
- recruitment and retention of medical practitioners (2022-SR1, 2022-EB17, 2017-B42, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162); and*
- additional resources for health care in rural and remote communities in BC (2023-SR1).*

Mental Health Care:

- improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2023-EB1, 2022-SR2, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 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).*

Housing:

- provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2023-EB11, 2023-NR21, 2022-EB24, 2022-EB25, 2022-EB26, 2022-NR14, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128, 2003-B40).*

Criminal Rehabilitation/Public Safety:

- crime prevention and harm reduction solutions in communities across the province (2022-EB44, 2020-EB7, 2015-B54, 2011-B15, 2008-B67, 2005-B3);*

- *consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences (2022-NR36);*
- *improve capacity in the provincial court system by funding, province-wide, coordinated and collaborative alternatives to the court system (2021-EB11);*
- *enact legislative and regulatory changes to the criminal justice system to apply stricter penalties and ensure adequate incarceration of prolific criminals, as well as the consistent use of electronic monitoring when individuals are released on conditions (2021-NR3);*
- *ensure prolific offenders are “sentenced effectively,” and supported by credible programs to address underlying challenges such as substance abuse or mental illness (2015-B54);*
- *amend or create laws or policies that will prohibit offenders labeled high risk, following their release from prison, from residing in the community or the vicinity of the community where they committed their crime(s) (2007-A2);*
- *escalate sentences for chronic offenders as part of a national integrated crime reduction strategy that also seeks to re-emphasize the protection of society and the responsibility of individuals for their criminal behaviour (2007-B89); and*
- *change the law with respect to “repeat offenders,” including conditions around release into the community, treatment programs and rehabilitation benchmarks (2006-B137).*

LAND USE

R43) Addressing Shoreline Erosion Concerns in Coastal Communities

North Coast RD

Whereas coastal communities in BC are experiencing the detrimental effects of climate change, including rising sea levels, adverse weather events, and eroding shorelines:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM urge the BC government to dedicate more resources toward mitigating the impacts of climate change and shoreline erosion in coastal communities.

*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 dedicate more resources toward mitigating the impacts of climate change and shoreline erosion in coastal communities.

However, the 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 from land use (2020-EB61, 2019-B36, 2019-B155, 2018-B34, 2017-B65, 2017-B115, 2016-B25). In particular, resolution 2020-EB61 notes erosion control in its first whereas clause.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions that seek to increase the funding, resources, and tools available to local governments to prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change (2023-EB31, 2023-NR45, 2022-EB45, 2022-NR41, 2021-EB39), including

several resolutions specifically related to flood protection (2022-SR3, 2021-EB6, 2020-NR16, 2019-B12).

R44) Drought

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas climate change is causing increasingly unpredictable and extended summer droughts throughout Vancouver Island and the Coastal Region;

And whereas water is a shared resource required by all residents, industry sectors, agriculture and the environment to both sustain life and conduct business:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship conduct a current inventory of surface and groundwater availability, as well as projected future needs, in order to facilitate planning of freshwater storage requirements to supply all residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, Indigenous, emergency and environmental needs to a minimum 50-year threshold.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to conduct a current inventory of surface and groundwater availability, as well as projected future needs, in order to facilitate planning of freshwater storage requirements to supply all residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, Indigenous, emergency and environmental needs to a minimum 50-year threshold.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds; most notably as part of the recent Watershed Security Strategy and related Watershed Security Fund (2023-EB37, 2023-EB38, 2023-EB56, 2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to establish standards and funding around drinking water, including:

- Province to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner (2022-EB81);*
- Province to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging drinking water infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia (2011-B107);*
- Province to standardize water quality and treatment regulations across BC and develop a funding strategy for their implementation (2009-B51);*
- Province to establish province-wide standards on potable water to be applied universally and implemented consistently in order to protect public health and public confidence in local and regional potable water systems (2007-B123); and*

- *Province to ensure that funding is available to develop the infrastructure required to meet the Province's drinking water standards (2006-B90).*

R45) Groundwater Protection in the Province of British Columbia

District of Metchosin

Whereas over one million British Columbians rely on groundwater for daily use and that groundwater presents significant challenges in terms of monitoring, defining (classifying/characterizing), and demonstrating water viability, including water-use budgets/allocations;

And whereas the impacts of climate change, population growth and industrial activity are intensifying, and all three factors can negatively impact groundwater sustainability and sources:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the provincial government prioritize the following:

1. Renew the work to identify aquifers at risk in terms of productivity and vulnerability to contamination, climate change, population growth and other criteria;
2. Continue to build in the province's groundwater monitoring capacity, including installation of additional observation wells for high risk aquifers;
3. Develop a regular reporting process on the health and viability of high-risk aquifers; and
4. Develop a funding program for local governments to support local monitoring of groundwater resources.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution making the following four requests of the Province:

1. *Renew the work to identify aquifers at risk in terms of productivity and vulnerability to contamination, climate change, population growth and other criteria;*
2. *Continue to build in the province's groundwater monitoring capacity, including installation of additional observation wells for high risk aquifers;*
3. *Develop a regular reporting process on the health and viability of high-risk aquifers; and*
4. *Develop a funding program for local governments to support local monitoring of groundwater resources.*

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds; most notably as part of the recent Watershed Security Strategy and related Watershed Security Fund (2023-EB37, 2023-EB38, 2023-EB56, 2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to establish standards and funding around drinking water, including:

- *Province to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner (2022-EB81);*
- *Province to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging drinking water infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia (2011-B107);*
- *Province to standardize water quality and treatment regulations across BC and develop a funding strategy for their implementation (2009-B51);*
- *Province to establish province-wide standards on potable water to be applied universally and implemented consistently in order to protect public health and public confidence in local and regional potable water systems (2007-B123); and*
- *Province to ensure that funding is available to develop the infrastructure required to meet the Province's drinking water standards (2006-B90).*

R46) Rainwater Management in Road Rights of Way

Comox Valley RD

Whereas residential development in portions of unincorporated areas designated as suitable for increased dwelling density through regional growth strategies and official community plans will enhance the supply of housing in British Columbia;

And whereas a key constraint in increasing dwelling density in these areas is locating adequately sized green infrastructure such as rain gardens and infiltration swales that protect stream systems and overall watershed health, and reduce risk to downstream property:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of BC investigate options to permit green infrastructure and low impact development rainwater management measures for private property and public roads within provincial public highway rights of way in alignment with policy direction set out in the March 2023 Intentions Paper for the Watershed Security Strategy.

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 investigate options to permit green infrastructure and low impact development rainwater management measures for private property and public roads within provincial public highway rights of way in alignment with policy direction set out in the March 2023 Intentions Paper for the Watershed Security Strategy.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking improved stormwater (rainwater) management (2022-EB63, 2020-EB62, 2012-B90).

The Committee also notes that there has been support for the use of green infrastructure, including UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR16 which sought flood risk mitigation through green infrastructure and natural assets. As well as resolution 2021-EB44 which sought to 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.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions that seek better land use planning that ensures decision making takes into account the cumulative effects on the environment, such as watersheds (2021-EB44, 2020-EB61, 2019-B36, 2019-B155, 2018-B34, 2017-B65, 2017-B115, 2016-B25).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds; most notably as part of the recent Watershed Security Strategy and related Watershed Security Fund (2023-EB37, 2023-EB38, 2023-EB56, 2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

TRANSPORTATION

R47) Highway Active Transportation

District of Central Saanich

Whereas the Province has jurisdiction over provincial highways, many of which are critical active transportation corridors and provide connections to services, workplaces, ferries, parks and recreation areas, and neighbouring communities;

And whereas many provincial highways require new or upgraded active transportation infrastructure to enable local governments to realize comprehensive, interconnected, safe, active transportation networks for residents:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the Province to assess all provincial highways with active transportation corridors in accordance with the British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide, and in consultation with municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous Nations, develop a provincially-funded plan or program to address gaps and shortfalls, and local active transportation priorities on provincial highways.

*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 assess all provincial highways with active transportation corridors in accordance with the British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide, and in consultation with local and Indigenous governments, develop a provincially-funded plan or program to address gaps and shortfalls, and local active transportation priorities on provincial highways.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that support the increased use of active transportation:

- *development of active transportation infrastructure (2020-EB24, 2020-NR24, 2019-B16, 2018-B15, 2013-B99);*

- *tax exemption or financial incentive for purchase of electric bicycles (2020-EB29, 2019-B44, 2016-B130); and*
- *improvements to cycling infrastructure (2016-B9, 2016-B57, 2012-B63, 2010-B17, 2009-B83, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B99, 2006-B110, 2006-B140).*

R48) Active Transportation Within Provincial Highway Rights of Way

City of Langford

Whereas according to CleanBC’s Roadmap to 2030, transportation is our largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) which accounts for approximately 40% of our annual total, and to address this the Province has committed to doubling the proportion of trips using active transportation by 2030;

And whereas given the urgency of the climate crises, the fast-approaching 2030 deadline and the fact that safe active transportation infrastructure provides economically accessible transportation for more individuals of all ages and abilities, there is a pressing need for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide stronger leadership, accountability, and equitable investment in infrastructure for all modes of transportation:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to take on the responsibility for the development, operation and maintenance of all active transportation infrastructure within provincial highway rights of way to align with active transportation planning of Indigenous and local governments, thus ensuring equitable commitment to active transportation infrastructure commensurate with infrastructure focused on motor vehicles.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR24, which asked the Province to assume responsibility for the development and operation of active transportation infrastructure within highway rights of way.

More generally, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that support active transportation infrastructure, including:

- *development of active transportation infrastructure (2020-EB24, 2019-B16, 2018-B15, 2013-B99); and*
- *improvements to cycling infrastructure (2016-B9, 2016-B57, 2012-B63, 2010-B17, 2009-B83, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B99, 2006-B110, 2006-B140).*

R49) Improved Road Design for Vulnerable Road Users

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure road design standards prioritize the efficient movement of motor vehicles over the safety of vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, transit users, and cyclists;

And whereas narrow road rights-of-way and topographic challenges in rural areas often make it impossible for active transportation infrastructure to be built to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Active Transportation Design Guide of separated paths along road corridors;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will not approve, fund, or maintain any road improvements that don't meet their Active Transportation Design Guide:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province instruct the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users in their road design standards;

And be it further resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure recognize the practical challenges of active transportation in rural areas and approve, fund and maintain minor road improvements that increase safety for vulnerable road users, such as paved shoulders and crosswalks.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to prioritize safety measures for vulnerable road users, including relevant amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act (2021-EB16, 2018-B12, 2018-B102).

The Committee further notes that more generally, members have consistently endorsed resolutions that support the increased use of active transportation:

- *development of active transportation infrastructure (2020-EB24, 2020-NR24, 2019-B16, 2018-B15, 2013-B99);*
- *tax exemption or financial incentive for purchase of electric bicycles (2020-EB29, 2019-B44, 2016-B130); and*
- *improvements to cycling infrastructure (2016-B9, 2016-B57, 2012-B63, 2010-B17, 2009-B83, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B99, 2006-B110, 2006-B140).*

R50) Funding for Rural Road Maintenance

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas secondary roads in unincorporated areas of BC are typically maintained on a break/fix basis despite deteriorating conditions and increasing traffic;

And whereas there is no publicly available plan for the upgrade and replacement of rural roads, culverts, and bridges:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province direct and fund the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to establish a capital asset management plan for secondary road networks across the province.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to establish a capital asset management plan for secondary road networks across the province.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking improved road and highway maintenance, including:

- *MOTI to consult with local governments and be more transparent and share Road Maintenance Plans and Infrastructure priorities with local governments (2023-EB62, 2021-EB14);*
- *improved maintenance and funding for roads and bridges (2022-EB69, 2020-EB23, 2020-EB25, 2020-NR23, 2017-B12, 2015-B75, 2014-B53, 2014-B54, 2013-B13, 2008-B110);*
- *improved service level standards and maintenance funding for secondary provincial roads (2020-EB18, 2015-B74, 2014-B54, 2010-B19, 2009-B16, 2008-B17, 2003-B7);*
- *improved maintenance of rural and resource roads (2020-EB20, 2020-EB22, 2017-B58, 2017-B59, 2015-B74, 2013-B128, 2010-B19, 2008-B17);*
- *improved maintenance and funding for roads and bridges (2022-EB69, 2020-EB23, 2020-EB25, 2020-NR23, 2017-B12, 2015-B75, 2014-B53, 2014-B54, 2013-B13, 2008-B110); and*
- *regular provincial government audits and performance assessment of highway maintenance services, and communication of the audit findings to local governments (2017-B10, 2008-B113).*

R51) Emergency Routes

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas on June 6, 2023, Highway 4 was closed at Cameron Lake Bluff, near Koen Road, due to a wildfire, and that a detour route from Port Alberni through Lake Cowichan via Bamfield, using forest-service and privately owned industrial roads was established by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) on Wednesday, July 7, 2023, and was actively maintained until August 31, 2023;

And whereas the highway closure that occurred between June 6, 2023, and August 31, 2023, resulted in significant negative impacts on our residents' health, safety, and well-being, and it had devastating economic impacts resulting in the loss of jobs and permanent closure of local businesses, and that similar communities having only one access road in and out of their community experienced similar negative impacts during emergency activations:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness work with communities, that have only one access road in and out of their community, to ensure the permanent establishment and maintenance of alternative or emergency transportation routes for use in the event of an emergency;

And be it further resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, coordinate with the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and appropriate local governments to conduct an inventory of active forestry roads that could be maintained for emergency evacuation purposes, and that the

roads meeting the criteria for emergency evacuation purposes be maintained for these purposes by the Province in perpetuity.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the provincial government to identify resource roads that are essential for community access or egress, and commit to maintaining these as public roads, including:

- *review forest service roads to determine which ones are critical for the public's access/egress and develop a plan to maintain them as public roads (2020-EB22); and*
- *work with communities and stakeholders to identify key resource roads no longer required for industrial use, and designate these roads as recreational roads that require provincial oversight and funding for ongoing maintenance in support of, in part, emergency uses (2017-B58).*

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling for provincial maintenance of resource roads so that they can be used for emergency purposes:

- *establish defined standards for construction, maintenance, and enforcement for resource roads that serve as the primary or secondary access roads for communities, funded similarly to the public highway system (2020-EB19);*
- *explore by policy the ways and means and criteria to distinguish resource road classes defined as high community or public use resource roads, along with flexible, result-oriented definitions for their maintenance (2020-EB20); and*
- *additional funding and improved maintenance of resource roads (2015-B74, 2010-B19, 2008-B17).*

The Committee is aware that the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), a program intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to emergencies, includes a funding stream to support the development of evacuation route plans. The Province allocated \$110 million in 2021/22 in new funding to the CEPF.

R52) Engagement with Local Governments with Respect to Road Network Planning

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure lacks the funding, staffing and mandate to plan overall road networks in unincorporated areas and to proactively deal with transportation and development planning issues in the "fringe" interface areas of municipalities and regional districts;

And whereas problems with runoff from roads and development are increasingly severe across the province, and are significantly impacted by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure decisions around subdivision approvals and road infrastructure;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure does not proactively engage with local governments on future planning and maintenance of numbered routes that run through local governments and often through downtown cores:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province direct and fund the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to engage with local governments on overall road network planning and subdivision planning in order to improve decision-making to reduce cumulative negative impacts on communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to engage with local governments on overall road network planning and subdivision planning in order to improve decision-making to reduce cumulative negative impacts on communities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking improved engagement with MOTI and the Province regarding roads and highways, including:

- *share road maintenance plans and infrastructure priorities with local governments (2023-EB62); and*
- *require the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to engage in meaningful consultation with local governments throughout the planning stages, prior to undertaking works on highways (2021-EB14).*

R53) Free Transit for Students

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the BC Government's fare-free transit program for youth aged 12 and under grade 6 saves families money while offering youth low-carbon transportation that helps the province and municipalities reach carbon neutrality targets;

And whereas expanding eligibility to those in grade 12 and under would promote equitable access to transit despite economic disparity amongst youth and families in BC:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to expand the fare-free transit program for youth in grade 12 and under.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that AVICC Members endorsed the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2020-NEB4 which sought, in part, free public transit across BC for youth under 19 years of age.

The resolution sponsored by Sunshine Coast Regional District, which identifies youth "in grade 12 and under", seeks free public transit for an age range equivalent to the "under 19 years of age" specified in non-endorsed resolution 2020-NEB4.

The Committee advises that due to time constraints, resolution 2020-NR26 was not considered at Convention but was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. Resolution 2020-NR26 sought fare-free public transit services. Upon consideration, the UBCM Executive did not endorse resolution 2020-NR26.

The Committee further advises that AVICC Members endorsed two resolutions which asked the Province to work with local governments on fare-free public transit services (fare-free for all) where supported by communities, but that UBCM members considered, but did not endorse these resolutions (2022-NEB2, 2021-NR17).

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2022-NR58 which sought fare-free transit for youth aged 13 and under (grade 7). At present, youth aged 12 and under can ride transit in BC fare-free.

LEGISLATIVE

R54) Legislative Changes Consultation Process

Village of Zeballos

Whereas the Province of British Columbia implements changes to legislation in anticipation of providing benefit to all British Columbians;

And whereas not all rural, remote communities are provided with capacity to fulfill new legislative requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province provide a more fulsome consultation process with local governments of all sizes prior to making sweeping legislative changes.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM membership has consistently supported resolutions requesting greater consultation and engagement with the Province on policy, programs and initiatives that have the potential to impact local governments. In 2019 members endorsed SR1 which asked that the Province ensure that the principles of mutual respect, consultation and cooperation as outlined in s. 2 of the Community Charter be adhered to and implemented as it moves forward with future initiatives. And in 2022, EB75 was endorsed which asked the Province to consult with local governments that will be impacted by provincial policy.

The membership has also endorsed several resolutions seeking more and improved consultation and communication between the Province and local governments on a variety of specific topics including:

- *2023-EB8 which asked the Province to improve the communication between the Ministry of Health and local levels of government to ensure the health care system meets the needs of all residents of BC;*
- *2023-EB62 which asked the Province to require the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to engage in meaningful consultation with local governments throughout the planning stages, prior to undertaking works on highways;*

- 2021-SR2 which asked the Province to engage and consult with local governments and Indigenous communities as it moves forward to implement recommendations within the Modernizing Forest Policy in BC Intentions Paper;
- 2021-EB5 which asked the Province to find ways/means to have accurate and more timely community-based information that can be shared with local governments and their residents during declared local and provincial states of emergency;
- 2021-EB43 which sought improved government to government collaboration with local governments regarding land use planning initiatives on crown land; and
- 2021-EB72 which asked the Province to consult with local governments when planning new housing and facilities to support homeless people.

The membership has endorsed additional resolutions emphasizing the importance of communication and consultation with local government (2019-B3, 2014-B37, 2013-B34, 2012-B119, 2009-B54, 2009-B141).

The Committee would note that after communicating with the sponsor, they were able to explain that the “sweeping legislative changes” referred to in the enactment clause includes: Wildfire recovery, Accessibility legislation, BC Emergency Health Services, NextGen 911, Emergency and Disaster Management Act, Drinking Water Guidelines, Housing legislation, Asset Retirement requirements, Declaration Act requirements, Climate Action reporting, Pre-Tax Sales requirements and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy requirements.

ASSESSMENT

R55) New Assessment Classification for Vacant Residential Lands

Village of Gold River

Whereas there is a housing crisis in British Columbia that affects all local governments in varying degrees;

And whereas there are limited tools to discourage speculation and encourage development of undeveloped property:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to create a new assessment classification for undeveloped residential properties to allow local governments to establish a different tax rate for vacant residential land.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution, 2016-B13, which asked the Province to create a new prescribed class of property for vacant land and vacant contaminated land that allows for a different tax rate.

The Committee also notes that the membership has supported some resolutions addressing the taxation of vacant lands, including:

- 2023-NR69 which asked the Province to provide local governments with an option to introduce a vacant property tax applicable to both commercial and industrial properties;
- 2021-EB19 requesting a review of the Community Charter to grant municipal councils' authority to add a 'vacant land' property tax;
- 2020-NR69 which asked the Province for a vacancy tax for residential and commercial properties, but was amended to remove the reference to commercial properties; and
- 2019-B181 was endorsed with an amendment by the UBCM Executive which asked the Province to impose a vacancy tax only on residential properties.

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions that ask the Province to empower local governments to make adjustments to tax rates to address vacant and derelict properties (2017-B14, 2012-B130, 2007-B72); and collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2020-EB33, 2020-NR69, 2019-B19, 2019-B181, 2018-A3, 2017-B91).

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R56) Enhancing Communications for Municipal Fire Departments Responding to Motor Vehicle Incidents

City of Port Alberni

Whereas fire departments play a crucial role in responding to motor vehicle incidents outside of fire protection boundaries on behalf of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) and that both EMCR and the local government have a shared responsibility for the health and safety of responders;

And whereas one of the significant challenges faced by local fire departments is the lack of adequate [or any] communications infrastructure in the areas they respond to, making it difficult for responders to coordinate their efforts, request additional resources, or seek assistance from other agencies and hampering the effectiveness and efficiency of response operations, potentially compromising the safety of both responders and the public:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently request the Province of British Columbia to provide modern and reliable communications, such as Starlink, to responding agencies that are handling motor vehicle incidents on the Province's behalf to ensure seamless communication and enhance the safety and effectiveness of responders;

And be it further resolved that the Province of British Columbia collaborate with telecommunication providers to improve overall communications infrastructure in areas where motor vehicle incidents occur frequently including expanding coverage, improving network reliability, and exploring innovative solutions to address communication challenges in remote and underserved areas.

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

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently request the Province of British Columbia to provide modern and reliable communications, such as ~~Starlink~~ **low-earth orbit satellite internet**, to responding agencies that are handling motor vehicle incidents on the province's behalf to ensure seamless communication and enhance the safety and effectiveness of responders;

And be it further resolved that the Province of British Columbia collaborate with telecommunication providers to improve overall communications infrastructure in areas where motor vehicle incidents occur frequently including expanding coverage, improving network reliability, and exploring innovative solutions to address communication challenges in remote and underserved areas.

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide modern and reliable communications, such as low-earth orbit satellite internet, to responding agencies that are handling motor vehicle incidents on provincial roads.

Regarding the second enactment clause, the Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to ensure the availability of cellular coverage along all transportation corridors in BC, and in partnership with other orders of government, oblige service providers to close such gaps in cellular service (2020-EB70, 2019-B72, 2018-B57, 2012-B45, 2010-B50, 2009-B57, 2008-B54, 2007-B57).

The Resolutions Committee would propose an amendment to identify the potential technological solution, rather than state the name of a service provider. The Committee understands that Starlink as a service provider might not necessarily be approved for use in all Canadian public service contexts.

SELECTED ISSUES

R57) Increased Funding for Rural Colleges

City of Port Alberni

Whereas colleges in rural British Columbia play a crucial role in providing accessible and high-quality education and training opportunities for students across the province, including a closer to home education for those who otherwise cannot access training or education to provide necessary skills for employability;

And whereas rural colleges face increasing demands and challenges, including rising operating costs, growing student populations, and the need to adapt to changing industry needs;

And whereas adequate funding is essential to ensure that rural colleges can continue to provide quality education, support student success, and meet the evolving needs of students and industries, while being challenged by distance and numbers when trying to meet the same requirements as colleges in more heavily populated areas:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM appeal to the Province of British Columbia to increase funding for rural colleges in British Columbia to support their operations, programs, and services and develop a standard of college funding more closely reflecting the real costs of providing required training and education to the population of rural British Columbia.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2012-B96 which asked the Province to develop a standard of college funding more closely reflecting the real costs of providing training and education in rural and northern BC.

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2008-B46, which called on the Province to make increased investments (capital and operating funding) in educational institutions and facilities, in order that they will be able to provide the retraining programs and services needed to enable individuals to make labour force transitions, as well as provide access to the skilled workers employers will need to work in new and emerging sectors. As well, it called for the Province to establish a new funding framework to ensure the ongoing long-term sustainability of the community college system in BC.

The membership has also endorsed resolution 2004-B141 which called for the development of alternative or additional funding models that would assist in enhancing existing programs and allow the development of new, relevant, and innovative training opportunities at rural and remote colleges and training institutes.

PART SR - SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR 1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

AVICC Executive

We do not anticipate any Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act

PART ER – EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

ER 1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

AVICC Executive

We do not anticipate resolutions from the Executive at this time.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

An 8 person Executive Board is elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting & Convention to provide the ongoing administration and policy determination for the Association.

THERE ARE SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

THERE IS ONE APPOINTED POSITION:

- Immediate Past President

NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The Executive has identified a process whereby a notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination and the process and the procedures for nomination was circulated to all members.

The notice states that the nominee must be an elected official of an AVICC member and must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. A nomination and consent form was distributed by email and posted on the AVICC website. The form is to be used for all nominations in advance of the AGM & Convention.

Background information that sets out the main responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member was included with the notice and nomination and consent form.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A candidate may also be nominated from the floor at the AGM & Convention for a position on the Executive Committee. This requires a motion moved and seconded by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination.

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process, and is composed of two people.

This year's Committee is composed of:

- Chair, Past President Ian Morrison, (Director, Cowichan Valley Regional District)
- AVICC Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Dennison

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including a photo and biography is prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee, and is distributed to the members in the Annual Report and Resolutions Package.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is responsible for reporting to the full Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee does not make recommendations.

The Nominating Committee will report on Friday, April 12th, at approximately 2:20 pm on nominations received by the deadline for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, three Directors at Large and Electoral Area Representative. Following the report, nominations from the floor will be requested as follows.

ELECTIONS PROCESS:

The Nominations and Elections Process will then proceed in three steps:

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF TABLE OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, 4:05 PM

- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Table Officer Positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President)
- Nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions may be received
- If all Table Officer positions are acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results

On-line voting for Table Officers will open April 12 at 5:30 PM and close April 13 at 10:30 AM (if necessary)

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

IF TABLE OFFICER POSITIONS ARE ACCLAIMED:

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, 4:05 PM

- Nominating Chair states that there were no nominations received by the deadline for Director at Large
- Nominations from the floor must be received for the positions of Director at Large

On-line voting for Directors at Large will open April 12 at 5:30 pm and close on April 13 at 10:30 AM

IF TABLE OFFICER ELECTION IS REQUIRED:

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for Table Officers
- Nominating Chair states that there were no nominations received by the deadline for Director at Large
- Nominations from the floor must be received for the positions of Director at Large

On-line voting for Directors at Large will open April 13 at 3:00 PM and close on April 14 at 7:30 AM

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

IF BOTH TABLE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR AT LARGE POSITIONS ARE ACCLAIMED:

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

FRIDAY APRIL 12th, 4:05 PM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results.

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will open April 12 at 5:30 PM and close on April 13 at 10:30 AM (if necessary)

IF TABLE OFFICER POSITIONS ARE ACCLAIMED AND DIRECTOR AT LARGE ELECTION IS REQUIRED:

STEP 3 – ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SATURDAY APRIL 13th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nomination for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results.

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will be open April 13 at 3:00 PM and close on April 14 at 7:30 AM (if necessary)

IF BOTH TABLE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR AT LARGE POSITIONS REQUIRE ELECTIONS:

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY APRIL 14th, 8:30 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results.

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will open April 14 at 8:45 AM and close on April 14 at 11:00 AM (if necessary)

IF TABLE OFFICER ELECTION IS REQUIRED AND DIRECTOR AT LARGE POSITIONS ARE ACCLAIMED:

STEP 3 – ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SATURDAY APRIL 13th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nomination for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results.

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will be open April 13 at 3:00 PM and close on April 14 at 7:30 AM (if necessary)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2024-25 AVICC EXECUTIVE

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2024 AGM and Convention:

President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo (incumbent, new position)

First Vice-President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Director Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo (incumbent, new position)

Second Vice-President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis (incumbent, new position)

Director at Large *(three to be elected)*

There were no nominations submitted for Director at Large, and nominations must be received from the floor.

Electoral Area Representative *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Director Donna McMahon, Sunshine Coast Regional District (incumbent)

For further information on the nomination and election process contact:

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BEN GESELBRACHT

Councillor, City of Nanaimo
Director, Regional District of Nanaimo

Nomination for President (incumbent, new position)



After two terms as 1st Vice President, I am running for AVICC President to continue strengthening AVICC's ability to support regional collaboration and advocate for the needs of our communities.

I am a second term Nanaimo City councillor and privileged to live in Snuneymuxw First Nation territory. I work hard as an elected official, both at the municipal and regional level, and am dedicated to building strong communities with resilient local economies that are environmentally sustainable and meet the needs of all residents. My work advocating for local government issues and my collaborative spirit is reflected through my participation on the following bodies:

- AVICC 1st Vice-President 2022-2024; AVICC 2nd Vice President 2021-2022
- Co-Chair of the Vancouver Island and Coastal Community Climate Leadership Initiative Steering Committee
- Director at Large on the 2019-2020 UBCM Executive; on both the environment and community economic development committees
- Co-chair of the Climate Caucus Working group on Zero-Waste and the Circular Economy
- Chair of the Vancouver Island and Coastal Community Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy.

AVICC is a connecting force that can help local governments come together to discuss important issues, share resources and bring a unified voice to the issues that are of significance to our unique Island and Coastal region. With your support as President, I would like to contribute to further enhancing AVICC's ability to support regional collaboration and advocacy. Thank you.

VANESSA CRAIG

Electoral Area Director, Gabriola, Mudge, and DeCourcy Islands
Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

Nomination for 1st Vice President (incumbent, new position)



I am in my second term as an Electoral Area Director on the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board, where I am privileged to represent Gabriola, Mudge, and DeCourcy Islands, which are within the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. I am also in my second year serving as the Chair of the RDN. I have served on the AVICC Executive since December 2018; I was the Electoral Area representative for three years and the 2nd Vice President for two. I am also currently the AVICC representative on the Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group. This year I am seeking your support to serve as the 1st Vice President.

I am a long-term resident of coastal communities, having lived and worked in different areas along the coast. For 24 years my husband Steve and I have called Gabriola Island home, and we are raising our two daughters here. I hold a PhD in biology, am a Registered Professional Biologist, and continue to work (very) occasionally as a small mammal and bat biologist with a focus on species at risk recovery and environmental assessment. In 2021 I completed 12 years of volunteer service on the Council of the College of Applied Biology, the regulator of professional biologists in the province, most recently serving as Past President after 4 years as President.

Of particular interest to me as an EA Director are the issues of emergency preparedness, housing accessibility, meaningful engagement with First Nations communities, potable water, positive working relationships with other elected officials including the Islands Trust, and the ecological health of our coastal communities. AVICC offers important opportunities for us to connect to discuss our common concerns, and I've benefited from speaking with the many knowledgeable people in the coastal communities.

This year is exciting as our Executive Coordinator is well established in her position (and doing a great job) and we look forward to opportunities to expand our advocacy and support to members, with the added capacity that having a full-time Coordinator offers. I would appreciate your support to continue serving on the AVICC Executive as your 1st Vice President, so that I can continue bringing my collaborative, engaged approach to these essential conversations.

SARAH FOWLER

Councillor, Village of Tahsis

Nomination for 2nd Vice President (incumbent, new position)



Sarah Fowler lives in Tahsis and has grown food at her homestead there for the last decade. Prior to getting elected in 2018 and becoming the deputy mayor she worked at the Village's recreation center as a lifeguard.

Councillor Fowler was successful in last year's goal to be awarded a level 2 from the Local Government Leadership Academy. The hope remains to continue to advocate for a province wide integrity commission to assist communities, as needed. In the spirit of public education, she started producing the #waterfowl podcast when she joined UBCM's Executive Board in 2020. Currently she is recording episodes for the 5th season, celebrating the journey of learning, that is being small community representative.

The first time she attended the AVICC Convention was when it was held in Powell River. Something she continues to be involved with from those days is the Vancouver Island Climate Leaders Steering Committee. Just before joining the board as Director at Large in 2022, she convened a panel with north and west island mayors called "It's Easy to Think Big When You're Small." More recently, she participated in an interview concerning the Oceans Protection Plan and Transport Canada on marine safety as this is an important aspect of many coastal communities.

Please consider Sarah Fowler your choice for AVICC 2nd vice president in 2024.

Thanks for your time.

DONNA McMAHON

Electoral Area Director, Elphinstone
Director, Sunshine Coast Regional District

Nomination for Electoral Area Representative (incumbent)



I've decided to run for the EA Director position again because the issues across BC have never been more numerous, more complex, or more daunting for those of us who are the only local government representative for residents of unincorporated areas.

The AVICC Executive has focused for the last two years on transitioning the organization onto an independent footing after ending our contract with UBCM, and holding the first convention with our new Executive Coordinator.

But as far as I'm concerned, it's time now to focus on advocacy. The Province continues to download new responsibilities onto local governments and we are staggering under the burden, especially small and rural communities.

I've lived on the Sunshine Coast since 1996 and been very involved in the community, including the Gibsons' Public Library, Transportation Choices, Community Futures, the Self Employed Women's Network, the Coast Car Co-op, the Sunshine Coast Trails Society, and Streamkeepers.

I was elected to the Sunshine Coast Regional District in 2018, and acclaimed in 2022, as Director for Elphinstone (Area E), in the territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation. I maintain a constituency website (EverythingElphinstone.ca), publish a monthly newsletter, and support the advocacy efforts of numerous community/neighbourhood associations and grassroots groups in my area. My full bio is on my website.

This year I'm privileged to have an absolutely outstanding group of volunteers on my Advisory Planning Commission. They promise to be an invaluable resource as we all plunge headlong into a provincially mandated OCP renewal process.

Issues at the top of my mind these days are too numerous to list, but include the dire condition of rural roads, escalating risks for vulnerable road users, increasingly severe damage from stormwater, and the urgent need to update the legislation governing regional districts to give us the tools we need to deal with the complexities of the 21st century.

Financial Statements of

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER
ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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, 2023
- 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, 2023 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 "***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditor's 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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 auditor's 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.



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- 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.

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Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

March 15, 2024

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 383,540	\$ 431,306
Prepaid expenses	6,245	5,828
Accounts receivable	700	1,210
	<u>\$ 390,485</u>	<u>\$ 438,344</u>

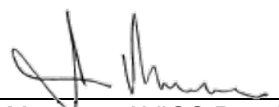
Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,993	\$ 69,703
Deferred contributions (note 3)	37,567	57,039
	<u>61,560</u>	<u>126,742</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	328,925	311,602
	<u>\$ 390,485</u>	<u>\$ 438,344</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:


 Penny Cote, AVICC President


 Ian Morrison, AVICC Past-President

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022
Revenue:		
Association dues	\$ 111,663	\$ 104,857
Annual meeting - registration	117,721	103,337
Annual meeting - sponsorships	70,500	83,580
Annual meeting - exhibits	7,200	12,600
Interest	22,076	8,940
Other (note 3)	7,097	-
	<u>336,257</u>	<u>313,314</u>
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	138,422	146,935
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	66,186	83,416
Salaries and benefits	53,094	166
Executive meetings	20,376	24,160
Postage, office and miscellaneous	13,737	4,211
Professional fees	11,200	10,000
Consulting fees	11,059	-
Communication and staff travel	4,112	1,601
Insurance	748	-
	<u>318,934</u>	<u>270,489</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	17,323	42,825
Net assets, beginning of year	311,602	268,777
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 328,925</u>	<u>\$ 311,602</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 17,323	\$ 42,825
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Increase in prepaid expenses	(417)	(3,828)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	510	(1,141)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(45,710)	33,464
Decrease in deferred revenue	-	(1,680)
Decrease in deferred contributions	(19,472)	-
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(47,766)	69,640
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	431,306	361,666
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 383,540	\$ 431,306

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2023

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, 2023

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, there were no acquisitions of capital assets (2022 - no acquisitions of capital assets or intangible assets).

(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, 2023

2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2023	2022
Cash	\$ 158,904	\$ 217,482
MFA Money Market Funds	224,636	213,824
	<u>\$ 383,540</u>	<u>\$ 431,306</u>

3. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions include \$37,567 (2022 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the Treaty Advisory Committee. During the year, \$7,097 (2022 - nil) was spent on initiatives to increase relations and reconciliation between the Association members and our local First Nations. The remaining balance will be used for the purposes of continuing and offsetting costs of future reconciliation initiatives.

Also included in deferred contributions in 2022 was \$12,374 in contributions restricted for the activities of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management. During the current year, the Executive Committee approved the transfer of the funds to the Regional District of Nanaimo to be held in reserve for use by the new Vancouver Island and Coastal Community Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy.

4. Municipal pension plan:

AVICC and its employee contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trustee pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2022, the plan has about 240,000 active members and approximately 124,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 43,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

4. Municipal pension plan (continued):

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2021, indicated a \$3,761 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

AVICC paid \$3,735 (2022 - \$nil) for employer contributions while employees contributed \$3,454 (2022 - \$nil) to the plan in fiscal 2023.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2024, with results available in 2025.

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

5. Financial risks and concentration of risk:

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, 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 fulfil 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 fulfil its obligations.

There has been no change to the risk exposures from 2022.

6. Employee and director remuneration:

The BC Societies Act has a requirement for the disclosure in the financial statements of the remuneration of directors, employees and contractors. For the period ending December 31, 2023, nine directors received remuneration totaling \$17,925, with amounts ranging from \$525 to \$6,900 per director (2022 - eleven directors received remuneration totaling \$15,375, with amounts ranging from \$525 to \$3,000 per director).

AVICC 2024 DUES REPORT

Member	Pop 2023	Pop 2024	Ind. Pop % Δ	Dues 2023	Dues 2024	Overall change	Ind. \$\$ % Δ
1. Alberni-Clayoquot	8,629	8,678	0.57%	\$1,201.15	\$1,267.76	\$66.61	5.55%
2. Alert Bay	466	463	(0.64%)	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
3. Campbell River	37,185	38,658	3.96%	\$4,298.47	\$4,658.69	\$360.22	8.38%
4. Capital	23,719	24,737	4.29%	\$2,949.14	\$3,211.36	\$262.22	8.89%
5. Central Coast	1,772	1,593	(10.10%)	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
6. Central Saanich	18,689	19,326	3.41%	\$2,409.11	\$2,601.38	\$192.27	7.98%
7. Colwood	20,766	21,874	5.34%	\$2,632.10	\$2,888.62	\$256.52	9.75%
8. Comox	15,378	15,902	3.41%	\$2,053.64	\$2,215.39	\$161.75	7.88%
9. Comox Valley	25,297	26,011	2.82%	\$3,118.56	\$3,354.98	\$236.42	7.58%
10. Courtenay	29,883	31,242	4.55%	\$3,610.91	\$3,927.17	\$316.26	8.76%
11. Cowichan Valley	37,024	37,922	2.43%	\$4,283.34	\$4,586.09	\$302.75	7.07%
12. Cumberland	4,704	4,901	4.19%	\$694.95	\$760.25	\$65.30	9.40%
13. Daajing Giids	1,004	1,033	2.89%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
14. Duncan	5,363	5,513	2.80%	\$784.94	\$844.25	\$59.31	7.56%
15. Esquimalt	19,155	19,738	3.04%	\$2,459.14	\$2,647.82	\$188.68	7.67%
16. Gibsons	4,917	5,098	3.68%	\$726.41	\$788.72	\$62.31	8.58%
17. Gold River	1,269	1,296	2.13%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
18. Highlands	2,599	2,698	3.81%	\$383.96	\$418.52	\$34.56	9.00%
19. Islands Trust	1,772	1,593	(10.10%)	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
20. Ladysmith	9,334	9,690	3.81%	\$1,291.00	\$1,403.18	\$112.18	8.69%
21. Lake Cowichan	3,612	3,748	3.77%	\$533.62	\$581.40	\$47.78	8.95%
22. Langford	49,345	52,953	7.31%	\$5,440.83	\$6,068.77	\$627.94	11.54%
23. Lantzville	3,969	4,099	3.28%	\$586.36	\$635.85	\$49.49	8.44%
24. Metchosin	5,142	5,271	2.51%	\$756.78	\$811.87	\$55.09	7.28%
25. Mount Waddington	2,304	2,372	2.95%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
26. Nanaimo City	104,064	108,438	4.20%	\$10,581.35	\$11,541.86	\$960.51	9.08%
27. Nanaimo RD	43,753	45,371	3.70%	\$4,915.49	\$5,320.87	\$405.38	8.25%
28. North Coast	1,346	1,676	24.52%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
29. North Cowichan	33,347	34,546	3.60%	\$3,937.91	\$4,253.08	\$315.17	8.00%
30. North Saanich	12,671	13,198	4.16%	\$1,716.26	\$1,872.58	\$156.32	9.11%
31. Oak Bay	19,211	19,703	2.56%	\$2,465.16	\$2,643.88	\$178.72	7.25%
32. Parksville	14,164	14,710	3.85%	\$1,906.52	\$2,074.91	\$168.39	8.83%
33. Port Alberni	19,526	20,264	3.78%	\$2,498.98	\$2,707.12	\$208.14	8.33%
34. Port Alice	695	700	0.72%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
35. Port Hardy	4,426	4,552	2.85%	\$653.88	\$706.12	\$52.24	7.99%
36. Port McNeill	2,518	2,591	2.90%	\$375.00	\$401.92	\$26.92	7.18%
37. Powell River	14,148	14,607	3.24%	\$1,904.48	\$2,061.12	\$156.64	8.22%
38. qathet	6,771	6,920	2.20%	\$964.37	\$1,032.53	\$68.16	7.07%
39. Qualicum Beach	9,397	9,663	2.83%	\$1,299.02	\$1,399.57	\$100.55	7.74%

AVICC 2024 DUES REPORT - CONTINUED

Member	Pop 2023	Pop 2024	Ind. Pop % Δ	Dues 2023	Dues 2024	Overall change	Ind. \$\$ % Δ
40. Saanich	125,853	129,786	3.13%	\$12,628.29	\$13,647.65	\$1,019.36	8.07%
41. Sayward	302	305	0.99%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
42. Sechelt	11,238	11,707	4.17%	\$1,533.64	\$1,673.07	\$139.43	9.09%
43. shíshálh Nation	748	767	2.54%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
44. Sidney	12,569	12,951	3.04%	\$1,703.26	\$1,839.53	\$136.27	8.00%
45. Sooke	15,991	16,866	5.47%	\$2,119.45	\$2,324.06	\$204.61	9.65%
46. Strathcona	10,058	10,364	3.04%	\$1,383.26	\$1,493.37	\$110.11	7.96%
47. Sunshine Coast	15,291	15,723	2.83%	\$2,044.30	\$2,195.21	\$150.91	7.38%
48. Tahsis	292	277	(5.14%)	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
49. Tofino	2,522	2,653	5.19%	\$375.00	\$411.54	\$36.54	9.74%
50. Ucluelet	2,204	2,309	4.76%	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
51. Victoria	96,390	99,792	3.53%	\$9,860.42	\$10,689.01	\$828.59	8.40%
52. View Royal	12,606	13,219	4.86%	\$1,707.97	\$1,875.39	\$167.42	9.80%
53. Zeballos	122	121	(0.82%)	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$25.00	6.67%
	925,520	960,188	3.7458%	\$111,663.42	\$121,036.46	\$9,373.04	8.3940%
	Average Pop % Δ		2.9962%	Average \$\$ % Δ		7.9389%	

2024 AVICC BUDGET							
	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2022 ACTUALS	2021 ACTUALS	2020 ACTUALS	2019 ACTUALS
GENERAL BUDGET							
Revenues							
Dues ¹	117,246	111,663	110,103	104,857	97,597	96,544	93,823
Interest ²	18,000	22,076	3,000	8,931	947	2,584	5,993
<i>Sub-Total General Revenues</i>	135,246	133,739	113,103	113,788	98,544	99,128	99,816
Expenditures							
Payroll and Benefits ⁴	124,051	119,280	110,880	80,861	90,124	89,474	83,542
Executive Meetings ⁵	24,000	20,377	19,557	23,413	14,297	9,270	14,530
Other Meetings ⁶	5,500	5,662	1,000	0	0	62	1,458
Communication and Staff Travel ^{7, 8}	5,897	4,834	2,800	1,550	1,223	10,690	2,391
Consulting Fees (Accounting) ¹⁵	3,000	4,600					
IT Support (Technical and Software)	1,825	3,395					
Postage, office and miscellaneous ⁹	500	866	5,000		395	2,689	260
Audit ¹⁰	11,770	11,200	10,000	10,000	6,955	5,500	5,450
Advocacy ¹¹	2,500	0	5,000		6,667	0	0
INSURANCE	3,100	748					
Other ¹²	3,126	2,454	2,500	3,785	0	0	75
<i>Sub-Total General Expenditures</i>	<u>185,268</u>	<u>173,415</u>	<u>156,737</u>	<u>119,609</u>	<u>119,661</u>	<u>117,685</u>	<u>107,706</u>
Revenues Less Expenses - General	(50,022)	(39,676)	(43,634)	(5,821)	(21,117)	(18,557)	(7,890)
AGM & CONVENTION BUDGET							
AGM & Convention Revenue ³	261,850	195,421	196,150	199,787	74,959	5,500	167,100
AGM & Convention Expenses ¹³	<u>227,328</u>	<u>138,422</u>	<u>152,516</u>	<u>146,935</u>	11,700	<u>5,192</u>	<u>100,473</u>
Revenues Less Expenses - Convention	34,522	56,999	43,634	52,852	63,259	308	66,627
TOTAL PROFIT/ (LOSS)	(15,500)	17,323	0	47,031	42,142	(18,249)	58,737
CONTRIBUTION FROM PAST YEAR SURPLUS	15,500						

REVENUES

- Dues** - The dues are based on the prior year's population figures on a sliding scale- 5% increase approved for 2024
Source for population figures is BC Stats, a division of the Ministry of Citizens' Services as received from UBCM
- Interest** - MFA Investments/ Bank Interest
- AGM & Convention** - Includes both sponsorship and registration income

EXPENDITURES

- Payroll and Benefits**- includes all payroll and benefits. Previous to August 1, 2023, this was the UBCM contract (for 82% contracted staff, and office rental)
- Executive Meetings** - expenses for Executive meetings- 2024 budgeted for 7 meetings, food, travel, and President stipend plus additional for extra meetings
- Other Meetings** - expenses for meetings and travel- AVICC representatives to external groups, reg fee for staff to attend UBCM & A/V costs for UBCM Luncheon
- Staff Travel** - covers staff travel, convention travel is included under convention expenses- includes staff travel to UBCM Convention
- Communications** - expenses for AVICC Website, Zoom account, cellphone
- Postage, Office, Miscellaneous** - 2023 actuals include items budgeted in this line such as bookkeeping, IT and other "misc" that have been moved to new lines- 2024 includes PO Box and Office supplies (unrelated to convention)
- Audit** - annual expense- estimate only for 2024
- Advocacy** - consultant or meeting costs for advocacy initiatives
- Other** - covers miscellaneous expenses not budgetted in other lines- includes misc. fees and Staff PD
- AGM & Convention** - covers all the costs of the AGM & Convention except AVICC regular staffing
- Consulting Fees**- expenses relating to financial/ bookkeeping services contract

AVICC MEMBERS

CITIES

Campbell River
Colwood
Courtenay
Duncan
Langford
Nanaimo
Parksville
Port Alberni
Powell River
Victoria

DISTRICTS

Central Saanich
Esquimalt
Highlands
Lantzville
Metchosin
North Cowichan
North Saanich
Oak Bay
Port Hardy
Saanich
Sechelt
shíshálh Nation
Sooke
Tofino
Ucluelet

TOWNS

Comox
Gibsons
Lake Cowichan
Ladysmith
Port McNeil
Qualicum Beach
Sidney
View Royal

VILLAGES

Alert Bay
Cumberland
Daajing Giids
Gold River
Port Alice
Sayward
Tahsis
Zeballos

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Alberni-Clayoquot
Capital
Central Coast
Comox Valley
Cowichan Valley
Mount Waddington
Nanaimo
North Coast
qathet
Strathcona
Sunshine Coast
Islands Trust

AVICC LIFE MEMBERS

1949-1950	Lorne Jordan	Port Alberni
1951-1952	Earl Westwood	Nanaimo
1953	Bert Beasley	North Cowichan
1954	Bill Henderson	Cumberland
1955-1956	C.A.P. Murson	North Cowichan
1957	Alf Wurtele	Esquimalt
1958	Jack Dobson	Duncan
1959	Bill Moore	Courtenay
1960	George Chatterton	Saanich
1962	John Cook	Nanaimo
1963	Don Morton	North Cowichan
1964	Reeve Lee	Central Saanich
1965	Fred Bishop	Port Alberni
1966	Doug Watts	Oak Bay
1967	Les Hammer	Port Alberni
1968	Rob Baird	Victoria
1969	Kay Grouhel	Ladysmith
1970	S.A.D. Pike	Powell River
1971-1972	Archie Galbraith	Central Saanich
1973-1974	G.H.A. MacKay	Nanaimo
1974-1975	William (Bronco) Moncrief	Cumberland
1975-1976	Ed Lum	Victoria
1976-1977	George McKnight	Port Alberni
1977-1978	K. Paskin	Duncan
1978-1979	Ken Hill	Esquimalt
1979-1980	George Piercy	Comox
1980-1981	Mel Couvelier	Saanich
1981-1982	Anne Fiddick	Gold River
1982-1983	Dick Winkleman	Nanaimo
1983-1984	Norma Sealey	Sidney
1984-1985	Robert Ostler	Campbell River
1985-1986	Gillian Trumper	Port Alberni
1986-1987	William (Bill) Kinley	Port McNeill
1987-1988	Tom McCrae	Tahsis
1989-1990	Frank Ney	Nanaimo
	George Borza	Nanaimo RD
	George Cochrane	Courtenay
	Walter Behn	Port Alberni
	Eric Simmons	Victoria
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1993-1994	Al Huddleston	Port Hardy
1994-1995	Martin Segger	Victoria
1995-1996	Maxine Williams Jim	Alert Bay
1996-1997	Gurney	Sunshine Coast RD
1998-1999	James Lornie	Campbell River
1999-2000	John Crook	Langford
2000-2001	Frank Leonard Pearl	Saanich
2001-2003	Myhres	Zeballos
2003-2005	Mary Ashley	Campbell River
2005-2007	W. J. (Jack) Peake	Lake Cowichan
2007-2008	Bea Holland	Victoria
2008	Gerry Furney	40 Years Service
2008-2009	Rod Sherrell	Mt. Waddington RD
2009	Eydie Fraser	AVICC Executive Coordinator
2009-2011	Barry Janyk	Gibsons
2011	Christopher Causton	Oak Bay
2014	Larry Cross	Sidney
2017	Joe Stanhope	Nanaimo RD
2018	Barbara Price	Comox
2019	Mary Marcotte	Cowichan Valley RD
2020	Edwin Grieve	Comox Valley RD
2022	Carl Jensen	Central Saanich
2024	Ian Morrison	Cowichan Valley RD

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