

2026 AVICC RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

PART 1 – EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL and SPECIAL EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

ER1 Extraordinary Special Resolution to Repeal and Replace AVICC Bylaws (Schedule A) **NOT ENDORSED**

ER2 Extraordinary Special Resolution to Repeal and Replace AVICC Bylaws should ER1 not be Endorsed (Schedule B) **ENDORSED**

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

There are no Special Executive Resolutions sponsored by the AVICC Executive in 2026

PART 2 – REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

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Part 2 - Section “A” – This section would contain **AVICC Region-specific** resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

There are no Regional Resolutions with a recommendation of Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

Part 2 - Section “B” – This section contains **AVICC Region-specific** resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R1 Energy Certainty to Support Long-term Economic Development and Resource Sector Modernization City of Campbell River **ENDORSED**

PART 3 – RESOLUTIONS

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HOUSING

R2 Supportive Housing Residential Tenancy Act Amendments City of Duncan **ENDORSED**

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R3 Property and Public Disorder Intervention Initiative City of Duncan **ENDORSED**

R4 Provincial Volunteer Firefighter Training Fund City of Parksville

ENDORSED

LAND USE

- R5 Strengthening the Administration of BC's Private Managed Forest Land Program Cowichan Valley RD
ENDORSED as AMENDED
- R6 Ministry of Forests Binding Materials Village of Zeballos
ENDORSED
- R7 Raw Log Exports City of Nanaimo
ENDORSED

Part 3 - Section "B" – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse (to be considered individually)

HOUSING

- R8 Scaling Building Code Requirements Nanaimo RD
ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- R9 Provincial Standards, Funding, and Regional Solutions for Police Detention Services District of Central Saanich
ENDORSED
- R10 Policing Costs for Communities under 5,000 Population District of Lantzville
NOT ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

- R11 Soil Relocation Regulations District of Oak Bay
ENDORSED
- R12 Advocacy to Create Enabling Authorities Allowing Local Governments to Regulate Carbon Pollution from Existing Buildings City of Victoria
ENDORSED

FINANCE

- R13 Streamlining the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program Renewal Process City of Nanaimo
WITHDRAWN

LAND USE

- R14 Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement 2006 qathet RD
ENDORSED
- R15 Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility qathet RD
ENDORSED
- R16 Community Supported Agriculture Incentive Program District of Metchosin
ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

- R17 Prince Rupert–Alaska Ferry Terminal Reinstatement North Coast RD
ENDORSED
- R18 Updates to the BC Motor Vehicle Act City of Nanaimo
ENDORSED
- R19 Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters in Bike-and-Roll Mobility Lanes and Routes City of Victoria
ENDORSED

ASSESSMENT

R20 Split Tax Classification for Short-Term Rentals Based on Floor Area District of Tofino
ENDORSED

R21 Fair Property Taxation through Accurate BC Assessment Classifications District of Ucluelet
ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R22 Immediate Action Required to Prevent Irreversible Economic Harm City of Campbell River
ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R23 Rescinding the UBCM 2025-ER1 (Extraordinary Resolution on the Resolutions Process) North Coast RD
NOT ENDORSED

PART 4 – RESOLUTIONS CAPTURED BY FOUR CRITERIA PER UBCM EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2025-ER1

The following are the resolutions that UBCM has deemed to be captured by one or more of the four criteria as outlined in the Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process.

Part 4 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse (Considered as a Block)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R24 Access to Affordable Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (EpiPens) City of Port Hardy
ENDORSED

FINANCE

R25 Public Library Funding City of Powell River
ENDORSED

R26 Exemptions, Income Thresholds and Compliance Support – ALR Town of Qualicum Beach
ENDORSED

TAXATION

R27 Modernization of Section 644 of the Local Government Act District of Ucluelet
ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R28 Active Transportation as a Core Ministry Priority Comox Valley RD
ENDORSED

R29 Interregional Transit Comox Valley RD
ENDORSED

R30 Small Craft Harbour Management and Divestiture North Coast RD
ENDORSED

R31 Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities Strathcona RD / Islands Trust / qathet RD
ENDORSED

R32 Expansion of Fare Free Youth Transit Capital Regional District
ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R33 Legislative Changes Consultation Process

Village of Zeballos

ENDORSED

ASSESSMENT

R34 Expansion of Strata Accommodation Property Definition
Comox Valley RD

District of Tofino

ENDORSED

Part 4 - Section “B” – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse (Considered Individually)

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

R35 Framework for Intergovernmental Relations with First Nations

City of Port Alberni

ENDORSED

LAND USE

R36 Short Term Rentals on ALR Land

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

ENDORSED

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R37 Student Food Security Grant

District of Oak Bay

ENDORSED

R38 Post-Secondary Affordability

City of Victoria

ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R39 CC-130H Hercules Fleet

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R40 Student Ferry Fares

District of Oak Bay

ENDORSED

PART 5 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

Late Resolutions are the resolutions received after the February 12, 2026 resolutions deadline, and before the April 22, 2026 deadline for Late Resolutions. 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* was distributed to delegates onsite at the convention, and posted on the website, on April 24, 2026.

LR1) Changes to Provincial Property Tax Deferral Program

Township of Esquimalt

ENDORSED

PART 1 – EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL AND SPECIAL EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

This section includes any Extraordinary Special Resolutions or Special Executive Resolutions brought forward by the AVICC Executive. Part 1 will be presented in two sections.

ER – Extraordinary Special Resolutions

Extraordinary Special Resolutions are resolutions sponsored by the AVICC Executive that are seeking membership approval to amend AVICC Bylaws. A 2/3 majority vote is required to endorse an Extraordinary Special Resolution to approve a change to AVICC’s Bylaws.

ER1 Extraordinary Special Resolution to Repeal and Replace AVICC’s Bylaws

AVICC Executive

Whereas the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities currently has the fewest number of Board members as compared to the other Area Associations and would benefit from having an additional member on the Executive to better reflect the increasing activity of the AVICC Executive and the size, composition, and diversity of our membership;

And whereas the Capital Regional District represents almost 50% of the population of residents in the AVICC region, and contributed 44% of the Association’s dues in 2025;

And whereas the AVICC Bylaws, last updated in 2018, contain several provisions that would benefit from enhanced clarity and administrative revision including improved definitions regarding First Nations membership, technological advancements, and the adoption of inclusive language:

Therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities be repealed and replaced as set out in **Schedule A, which includes adding a Capital Regional District Representative to the AVICC Executive.**

On MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

ER2 Extraordinary Special Resolution to Repeal and Replace AVICC’s Bylaws if ER1 is not endorsed

AVICC Executive

Whereas the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities currently has the fewest number of Board members as compared to the other Area Associations and would benefit from having an additional member on the Executive to better reflect the increasing activity of the AVICC Executive and the size, composition, and diversity of our membership;

And whereas the AVICC Bylaws, last updated in 2018, contain several provisions that would benefit from enhanced clarity and administrative revision including improved definitions regarding First Nations membership, technological advancements, and the adoption of inclusive language:

Therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities be repealed and replaced as set out in **Schedule B, which includes adding an additional Director at Large to the AVICC Executive.**

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR – Special Executive Resolutions

Special Executive Resolutions address priority issues of the membership and are typically sponsored by the AVICC Executive.

There are no Special Executive Resolutions included.

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There are no resolutions submitted to include in Part 2 Section A

Part 2 - Section “B” – This section contains **regionally focused** resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse – **CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY.**

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R1) Energy Certainty to Support Long-term Economic Development and Resource Sector Modernization **Campbell River**

Whereas homes, businesses, and industries in Vancouver Island and coastal communities rely heavily on energy generated outside the region and delivered through long-distance transmission systems, subsea infrastructure, and marine transport, resulting in a high degree of dependence on external energy supply and limited opportunities for local generation;

And whereas resource, transportation, and building sectors are seeking to modernize, improve efficiency, and reduce emissions while remaining competitive and affordable, and communities across Vancouver Island and the coast are working to attract investment and sustain local jobs, yet constrained energy availability—combined with accelerating provincial electrification policy and the pending expiry of BC Hydro’s electricity purchase agreement with Capital Power’s Island Generation facility—is already resulting in lost investment and development opportunities:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Province of British Columbia, BC Hydro, FortisBC, and the British Columbia Utilities Commission to collaborate with local governments, First Nations, and industry to ensure long-term energy certainty for Vancouver Island by:

- immediately convening and resourcing formal energy roundtables with the Province of British Columbia, BC Hydro, FortisBC, the British Columbia Utilities Commission, local governments, First Nations, and industry to address urgent energy supply constraints, assess interim and long-term solutions, and prevent further loss of investment and economic activity in Vancouver Island and coastal communities;
- recognizing the importance of local, dispatchable, and redundant energy generation—and the critical role of existing facilities such as Island Generation—in supporting economic development, grid reliability, and industrial modernization;
- ensuring that long-term energy planning and contracting decisions consider the economic development needs of AVICC communities alongside the timelines for new renewable energy projects to come online; and
- supporting interim energy solutions that allow resource industries and new investments to remain, modernize, and grow in coastal and island communities while Indigenous-led renewable projects advance to completion.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – RESOLUTIONS

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HOUSING

R2) Supportive Housing Residential Tenancy Act Amendments **Duncan**

Whereas supportive housing plays a critical role in providing safe and stable housing and supports for vulnerable people;

And whereas supportive housing currently falls under the *Residential Tenancy Act*, amendments are required for clarity on the role and enforceability of Good Neighbour Agreements to ensure supportive housing providers have the appropriate tools to address urgent safety concerns while continuing to uphold tenant rights, procedural fairness, and human-rights obligations:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and/or UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to amend the *Residential Tenancy Act* to ensure supportive housing operators have clear, proportionate, and transparent authority to enforce Good Neighbour Agreements in a manner focused on safety of residents and staff, early intervention, housing stability, and positive relationships with neighbouring communities.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R3) Property and Public Disorder Intervention Initiative **Duncan**

Whereas existing bail, sentencing, and justice system responses have not deterred repeat property crime and public disorder offences, leading to ongoing negative impacts to residents, businesses, and perceptions of safety and business stability;

And whereas cross-sector intervention programs that combine accountability with timely access to health, housing, and social supports that address the underlying drivers including mental health, substance use, trauma, and housing insecurity, may be more effective in reducing recidivism and improving community safety:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and/or UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to implement the Chronic Property and Public Disorder Intervention Initiative province-wide.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4) Provincial Volunteer Firefighter Training Fund **Parksville**

Whereas volunteer and composite fire departments across British Columbia provide essential emergency services to local, often rural and remote communities and often rely on local government budgets to meet provincially required training standards;

And whereas members of volunteer departments frequently pursue paid full time firefighting positions elsewhere in the province, creating a mobility dynamic that benefits the provincial emergency system but places training costs on local taxpayers:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM respectfully request that the Government of British Columbia:

- (i) Establish a Provincial Volunteer Firefighter Training Fund to cover the cost of provincially mandated training for volunteer and composite fire departments across the Province; and
- (ii) Encourage sustainable cost sharing options whereby the Province covers a baseline percentage of training costs and local governments contribute a predictable matching share.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R5) Strengthening the Administration of BC's Private Managed Forest Land Program to Protect Water, Fish Habitat, and Community Confidence **Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas British Columbia's Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL) Program is intended to balance long-term forest production with the protection of water quality, fish habitat, streamside vegetation, and critical habitat; however, experience in the Cowichan Valley indicates that these environmental protections are not being realized in practice, accountability and transparency are limited, and jurisdictional gaps impede timely enforcement and remediation, undermining public confidence in the program;

And whereas local governments have documented activities on PMFL parcels—including stream and wetland alterations, culvert and pipe installations, deposit of gravel/fill, extensive land clearing of sensitive ecosystems, and delays in reforestation—while provincial enforcement has been limited, investigation records have not been shared, and the Managed Forest Council (MFC) has interpreted a wide range of activities as "Schedule A" forest management activities that are exempt from local regulation, effectively restricting local governments from addressing impacts to water and habitat:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC **and UBCM** urge the Province of British Columbia to implement legislative, regulatory, and administrative reforms to the Private Managed Forest Lands (PMFL) Program that:

1. Strengthen protection of water, fish habitat, and streamside vegetation, including clearer standards and timely reforestation requirements;
2. Clarify jurisdiction and improve coordination among provincial agencies and the Managed Forest Council (MFC) for compliance, enforcement, and restoration under the *Water Sustainability Act* and related statutes; and
3. Enhance accountability and transparency, including requirements for the MFC and relevant ministries to share inspection reports and compliance outcomes with affected local governments and the public, subject to FOIPPA;

And be it further resolved that AVICC **and UBCM** request the Province to close regulatory loopholes that allow non-forestry land uses to proceed under the guise of "Schedule A" forest management activities, to require the MFC to promptly report suspected *Water Sustainability Act* contraventions to the appropriate ministry, and to enable appropriate local government input where PMFL activities materially affect community water security, habitat, and infrastructure.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED as AMENDED

TRANSPORTATION

R6) Ministry of Forests Binding Materials

Zeballos

Whereas many rural and remote communities rely on Forest Service Roads (FSRs) as their primary or only access routes for residents, emergency services, commercial deliveries, and essential travel;

And whereas current Ministry of Forests major maintenance programs typically exclude funding for topping materials, binding fines, and full surface stabilization necessary to maintain safe, all-weather passenger-vehicle conditions, while industrial users are not uniformly required to reinstate surfaces to that standard following haul activity:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Ministry of Forests include funding for topping materials, binding fines, and full surface stabilization as required components of all Forest Service Road major maintenance projects and industrial user maintenance requirements.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R7) Raw Log Exports

Nanaimo City

Whereas the lack of adequate and affordable fiber supply has been identified as a key factor in the continued curtailment or permanent closure of BC's sawmills and pulp mills, causing loss of employment and tax income for resource-based and resource-dependent communities;

And whereas from 2.8 to 3.5 million cubic meters of raw logs have been exported from BC annually over the last five years, in addition to lumber cant exports not included in those statistics:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government and federal governments to ban the export of raw logs and lumber cants from BC to ensure that forests harvested in BC from crown land and private managed forest lands are processed in BC, encouraging value-added manufacturing in BC and supporting employment in BC's forest industry, and that BC mills are supported in a transition to utilize a full spectrum of marketable tree species.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

Part 3 - Section "B" – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse – **CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY**

HOUSING

R8) Scaling Building Code Requirements

Nanaimo RD

Whereas small residential homes (under 1000 ft²/93 m²) are an important part of British Columbia's affordable housing supply and provide entry-level, workforce, and downsizing options for residents in communities of all sizes, and are relied on in rural and remote areas of BC as a primary form of affordable housing;

And whereas energy performance and seismic requirements in the BC Building Code are similar across residential building sizes and do not reflect relative risk or provide the same benefits to small homes compared to larger and multi-storey homes, and result in disproportionately increased construction costs for small homes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada engage a qualified, independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the Building Code's impacts on affordability, safety, and energy efficiency for single-storey residential homes and accessory buildings under 1000 ft²/93 m² and investigate the potential for a simplified rural building standard/alternative compliance pathway for small homes under 1000 ft²/93 m² that meets safety, climate, and seismic resilience requirements in a less complex and therefore more affordable way, while still ensuring safety.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R9) Provincial Standards, Funding, and Regional Solutions for Police Detention Services

Central Saanich

Whereas local police and RCMP services are increasingly being required to detain individuals for extended periods due to limited court transport availability, expanded use of virtual bail, and restricted intake at correctional facilities, resulting in the downloading of court- and correction-related custodial responsibilities onto local police and RCMP services, causing operational strain, staffing pressures, costs, and legal risk;

And whereas local police and RCMP detention facilities are not designed, resourced, or governed to meet correctional standards, and there is currently no provincially legislated framework for police detention facilities or jail guard functions, despite growing Charter, safety, and liability risks and the Province's increasing reliance on police detention as part of the justice system continuum:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to:

1. Support timely transfer of detained individuals to the BC Sheriff Service or BC Corrections, consistent with their statutory mandates;
2. Establish clear provincial standards for police detention facilities and jail guard functions, including infrastructure, staffing, training, health, safety, and oversight requirements;
3. Provide sustainable provincial funding to municipalities and police boards for any downloaded and/or formally expanded detention and court-related responsibilities; and
4. In collaboration with local governments, police boards, RCMP, and police services, explore and evaluate the feasibility of a regional or centralized police detention facility model for communities in BC to improve detainee safety, operational efficiency, staffing stability, legal compliance, and system resilience.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10) Policing Costs for Communities under 5,000 Population

Lantzville

Whereas in 2007, the Province of British Columbia established a threshold of 5,000 municipal residents for a municipality's increased financial responsibility for policing costs, and this threshold has not been adjusted since its adoption;

And whereas British Columbia's population has grown from an estimated 4,290,987 in 2007 to an estimated 5,698,430 in 2024, thereby making the fixed 5,000-person policing threshold an increasingly smaller proportion of the provincial population which has caused small municipalities to reach this threshold more quickly and with less financial preparation time:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Province of British Columbia to retroactively adjust the 5,000 person policing cost threshold to reflect the same percentage growth as the provincial population since 2007;

And be it further resolved that the Province of British Columbia establish a policy ensuring that the policing cost threshold is thereafter maintained as a consistent ratio of the provincial population to be updated following each official census.

On MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R11) Soil Relocation Regulations

Oak Bay

Whereas the regulatory framework governing soil relocation under the *Environmental Management Act* and Contaminated Sites Regulation is designed and implemented to ensure protection of both human and environmental health, the required soil testing, storing, and relocation results in significant increased costs of soil management for local governments;

And whereas the Ministry of Environment requires soil relocation to meet provincial remediation standards at a receiving site location that includes a threshold for chloride ion of 100 ppm to qualify as “Residential Low Density” which does not account for the natural presence of chlorides in soils, from the deposition of salt spray:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to review the thresholds for chloride ions in soil to qualify as “Residential Low Density” with consideration of the naturally occurring chloride elements that are higher in areas close to the Pacific Ocean.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R12) Advocacy to Create Enabling Authorities Allowing Local Governments to Regulate Carbon Pollution from Existing Buildings

Victoria

Whereas climate change is a leading driver of increased costs and disruptions at the local government level that requires action from all levels of government, and that GHG emissions from the built environment often constitute a high percentage of the total emissions in local government jurisdictions;

And whereas local governments (except Vancouver, under its Charter) currently lack authority to regulate the emissions from existing buildings, and in many cases have struggled to reduce emissions from the built environment and meet their own emissions reduction targets:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province create enabling authorities that would allow local governments to regulate GHG emissions from existing buildings.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R13) Streamlining the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program Renewal Process

Nanaimo City

Whereas the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) Program was created to assist municipalities, regional districts and eligible entities in funding local tourism marketing, programs and projects to grow visitation and provide economic benefits for communities;

And whereas in order for an application to be renewed under the current MRDT Program, demonstrated support from the accommodation sector is required, despite the fact that the program is already established in the community and the funding collected benefits many sectors of the tourism industry:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate for the Province to amend the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program requirements to remove the requirement for an Accommodation Sector in Support of MRDT Form when applications are being renewed, given the impact that MRDT funding has across numerous sectors in a community and the increased risk to established programs and projects should accommodation sector support not be obtained during the renewal process.

On MOTION, was WITHDRAWN

R14) Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement 2006

qathet RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia's Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement (2006) establishes a framework that encourages the eventual conversion of improvement districts to municipal or regional district jurisdiction with the main tool being prohibiting improvement districts' access to provincial sewer and water infrastructure grants and long-term borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority;

And whereas these policy constraints limit improvement districts' ability to finance required infrastructure renewal and regulatory compliance, creating significant financial barriers to both continued independent operation and orderly conversion, and increasing the likelihood that deteriorating systems and unfunded liabilities will ultimately be transferred to regional districts without adequate transition support, provincial guidance, or in any shape worthy of conversion:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to modernize the Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement (2006) to remove structural financial barriers to the sustainability and orderly transition of improvement districts, including by enhancing provincial oversight capacity, enabling improvement districts to access long-term borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, and removing barriers to enable improvement districts to access provincial sewer and water infrastructure grant programs.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R15) Agricultural Land Reserve Residential Flexibility

qathet RD

Whereas the purpose of British Columbia's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is to preserve valuable agricultural land for present and future food production, and thus residential development needs to be limited in size on the ALR;

And whereas the current *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA) and ALR Use Regulations limit residential development to:

- a principal residence up to 500 m² total floor area,
- a secondary suite within that principal residence, and
- an additional residence up to 90 m² total floor area for parcels 40 ha or less, or up to 186 m² for parcels larger than 40 ha”,

and this can result in development that is inconsistent with the purpose of ALR when considering alterations to existing structures:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the provincial government to amend the ALCA and ALR Use Regulation, to limit residential development to:

“• the residential floor area of all dwellings shall not exceed 590 m² total floor area for parcels 40 ha or less, or 686 m² for parcels larger than 40 ha.”

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16) Community Supported Agriculture Incentive Program

Metchosin

Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia has introduced the Nova Scotia Loyal Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Incentive Pilot Program, which provides a consumer incentive for purchasing CSA shares directly from local farmers while reimbursing participating producers, strengthening local food systems and farm viability;

And whereas many communities depend on small and mid-scale agriculture for food security, rural employment, environmental stewardship, and economic resilience, particularly in the face of climate change, natural disasters, supply chain disruptions, and global trade uncertainty:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia, in collaboration with local governments, First Nations, and agricultural stakeholders, develop and implement a provincial Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) incentive program modeled on the Nova Scotia Loyal CSA initiative.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R17) Prince Rupert-Alaska Ferry Terminal Reinstatement

North Coast RD

Whereas the closure of the Prince Rupert-Alaska Ferry Terminal in 2019 significantly reduced economic activity and cross-border connectivity for the community and region;

And whereas reinstatement of the Prince Rupert-Alaska Ferry Terminal has been delayed due to unresolved intergovernmental and administrative processes between Canada and the United States, contributing to the ongoing deterioration of the facility:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Province of BC to collaborate with the Government of Canada to support the reinstatement of the Prince Rupert-Alaska Ferry Terminal.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18) Updates to the BC Motor Vehicle Act

Nanaimo City

Whereas communities across the Province are tasked with designing and implementing transportation options which support more affordable, accessible and sustainable forms of transportation;

And whereas the BC Active Transportation Design Guidelines issued by the Province, as well as other emerging industry best practices, establish new expectations and recommendations, some of which are not supported by the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate for the provincial government to update the BC *Motor Vehicle Act* and associated regulations and design guidelines to include design standards and regulation which align with the BC Active Transportation Design Guide and best practices;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government consult with municipalities as part of the update process, providing the opportunity to bring forward suggestions for additional improvements based on current challenges, community needs and public input.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R19) Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters in Bike-and-Roll Mobility Lanes and Routes

Victoria

Whereas BC's *Motor Vehicle Act* and associated regulations currently inhibit the ability of seniors and people with disabilities to be active, independent, and engaged by prohibiting the use of wheelchairs and 3 and 4 wheel mobility scooters on municipal bike and roll lanes and routes;

And whereas many groups including the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC and the BC Cycling Coalition are calling for an update to the provincial legislation to clearly allow the use of wheelchairs and 3 and 4 wheel mobility scooters on bike and roll routes:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and the UBCM advocate to the Province that the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* and regulations be updated to allow the use of wheelchairs and 3 and 4 wheel mobility scooters on bike lanes and traffic calmed bike routes across BC.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

ASSESSMENT

R20) Split Tax Classification for Short-Term Rentals Based on Floor Area

Tofino

Whereas communities across the Province of British Columbia face severe housing shortages and challenges in providing affordable, attainable, and long-term housing, which is essential to community livability and well-being;

And whereas short-term rental residential properties have reduced housing supply for long-term residents, which is supported by the current tax classification rules restricting split classification of residential properties even when operating a commercial business, creating a need for fair and practical taxation based on actual use:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to amend legislation to allow split tax classification of residential properties operating a short-term rental based on the actual floor area contributing to the short-term rental operations.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21) Fair Property Taxation through Accurate BC Assessment Classifications**Ucluelet**

Whereas BC Assessment property classifications do not always reflect actual property use, creating unequal tax burdens on other property owners; and this misalignment undermines municipalities' ability to ensure fair and sustainable funding for local services;

And whereas current tools available to municipalities to address these inconsistencies are limited and reactive, leaving taxpayers and councils without meaningful recourse:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to provide local governments with stronger authority and practical tools to review, challenge, and correct property classifications, ensuring equitable taxation and a fair distribution of local fiscal responsibility.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**R22) Immediate Action Required to Prevent Irreversible Economic Harm****Campbell River**

Whereas many BC communities rely on resource industries—including forestry, aquaculture, mining, energy, and related sectors—as foundational drivers of employment, municipal revenues, essential services, and extensive downstream economic activity such as contractors, ports and transportation, suppliers, processing, Indigenous-owned businesses, and small and medium-sized enterprises;

And whereas prolonged regulatory delays, inconsistent provincial and federal policy direction, and poor intergovernmental coordination are undermining investment and accelerating closures—particularly in forestry and aquaculture—triggering cascading downstream impacts including widespread job losses, business failures, reduced port and transportation activity, housing instability, population out-migration, weakened supply chains, increased cost-of-living pressures, and declining municipal revenues, placing many communities at or near a point of no return:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urgently call upon the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to take immediate, coordinated action to restore certainty and predictability to the regulatory environment affecting resource industries by:

- establishing clear, transparent, time bound decision-making processes for consultation/regulatory requirements and permitting approvals;
- reducing duplication and misalignment between provincial and federal regulatory requirements;
- assessing cumulative and downstream economic impacts on employment, supply chains, Indigenous economic participation, and municipal finances before decisions are finalized; and
- engaging local governments early when proposed changes may materially affect community stability, infrastructure, or long-term economic sustainability.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES**R23) Rescinding the UBCM 2025-ER1 (Extraordinary Resolution on the Resolutions Process)****North Coast RD**

Whereas at the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, the membership endorsed Extraordinary Resolution ER1, which introduced significant changes to the resolution submission process;

And whereas the changes implemented through ER1 represent a fundamental shift in the resolutions framework that may impede the ability of local governments to collectively advance advocacy priorities and respond to evolving concerns:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM reconsider Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 to restore the prior resolutions submission process.

On MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

PART 4 – RESOLUTIONS CAPTURED BY FOUR CRITERIA PER UBCM EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2025-ER1

The following are the resolutions received by the February 12, 2026 deadline that UBCM has deemed to be captured by one or more of the four criteria as outlined in the Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process. Should any of these resolutions be endorsed, they **will be forwarded to UBCM** but they will not be considered at their annual convention and instead, they will be **included in an Appendix** to their Resolutions Book.

Resolutions containing Current Policy that have been endorsed at UBCM are eligible for advocacy at UBCM – members are encouraged to reach out to the UBCM Executive for any issues they deem as a priority for advocacy.

Part 4 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse – **CONSIDERED AS A BLOCK**

CURRENT POLICY (per UBCM)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R24) Access to Affordable Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (EpiPens)

Port Hardy

Whereas anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate treatment with epinephrine, and timely access to epinephrine auto-injectors (commonly known as EpiPens) is critical for saving lives;

And whereas the current cost of EpiPens in British Columbia ranges between \$100 and \$150, creating a significant financial barrier for individuals and families who require this essential medication, particularly those without comprehensive drug coverage:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Province of British Columbia to implement a program to provide epinephrine auto-injectors at a nominal cost to residents, thereby eliminating financial barriers and ensuring equitable access to this life-saving medication.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R25) Public Library Funding

Powell River

Whereas Public Libraries in British Columbia are primarily funded by local governments, the Provincial Government's financial contribution is also critical to ongoing library operations and the Province's \$14 Million in core funding for BC's 71 library systems has not increased since 2021, even as the population

has grown by nearly 30 percent and inflation by more than 35 percent and libraries continue to shoulder growing expectations without the necessary provincial support;

And whereas libraries have taken on an ever-expanding role in advancing provincial objectives for community well-being: helping job seekers and small businesses, providing safe spaces during emergencies and extreme weather, supporting residents facing mental health, substance use, and housing challenges, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to:

- a. immediately increase the annual core funding for public libraries to \$30 million, and
- b. index that amount to cost-of-living and inflationary pressures in future years, both recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and repeatedly requested by the BC Public Library Partners, and
- c. establish both:
 - i. a dedicated capital funding program to assist local governments in upgrading expanding, and constructing library facilities, and
 - ii. an advisory body under Section 52(1) of the *Library Act* to review the provincial library funding model in consultation with local governments and First Nations.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R26) Exemptions, Income Thresholds and Compliance Support –
Agricultural Land Reserve**

Qualicum Beach

Whereas only 5% (approximately 4.6 million hectares) of the Province's land base is dedicated to agriculture through the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and the Farming Income Thresholds (the minimum gross income a farm must generate from qualifying agricultural products to be eligible for Farm Class status) are low and outdated, and further, property within the ALR is partially exempt from school tax, hospital, regional district, Transit Authority, BC Assessment and municipal financial authority fees, regardless of Farm Class status;

And whereas the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) employs only six Compliance and Enforcement Officers for the entire province for the purpose of investigating complaints and enforcing land use regulations to protect agricultural land:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province that properties within the ALR that are not actively farmed should not benefit from exemptions from taxes and fees such as school tax, hospital, regional district, Transit Authority, BC Assessment and municipal financial authority fees;

And be it further resolved that the Farming Income Thresholds be reviewed and revised to require higher levels of productive farming to achieve Farm Class status;

And be it further resolved that the ALC receive adequate funding from the provincial government to support the resources required to support hiring of additional Compliance and Enforcement Officers to protect agricultural land.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R27) Modernization of Section 644 of the *Local Government Act*

Ucluelet

Whereas Section 644 of the *Local Government Act* is outdated and fails to include modern communications services—such as cellular, broadband, fiber-optic, and satellite—that increasingly rely on municipal rights-of-way;

And whereas municipal infrastructure costs are soaring while revenues under Section 644 have stagnated, failing to keep pace with inflation or the technological growth of the utilities industry:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to modernize Section 644 of the *Local Government Act* by including all modern communications services and adjusting the 1% revenue cap to ensure fair, sustainable, and predictable funding that reflects true municipal infrastructure costs.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R28) Active Transportation as a Core Ministry Priority

Comox Valley RD

Whereas active transportation has not been included as a priority in the most recent Mandate Letter for the Minister of Transportation and Transit;

And whereas the Ministry is falling behind BC municipalities in creating safe pedestrian and cycling supportive policies and amenities on Ministry-owned roads in electoral areas across BC, often leaving critical gaps and connections to and between nearby municipalities:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and/or UBCM advocate to the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Transit to:

- Explicitly include active transportation as a core Ministry priority in the Ministry of Transportation and Transit mandate letter, with direction that this priority applies to rural and semi-rural contexts outside of and between municipalities as well as urban areas;
- Review and amend provincial active transportation policies, guidelines, and standards to explicitly address rural and semi-rural road conditions outside of municipalities, including constrained rights-of-way and safety considerations, and to amend the BC Supplement to Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Guide where it does not adequately support active transportation infrastructure in rural and semi-rural areas outside of municipalities, in order to address the current disconnect between road operations and active transportation objectives;
- Develop and implement a formalized, cross-departmental/organizational framework for collaboration between the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and Regional Districts to align Ministry capital projects with Regional District active transportation priorities, leverage funding and delivery opportunities, and ensure accountability and consistency in advancing shared rural active transportation, safety, and community connectivity objectives.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R29) Interregional Transit

Comox Valley RD

Whereas BC Transit operates regional bus services in partnership with municipal and regional districts across BC;

And whereas affordable private interregional bus services have been greatly reduced since the withdrawal of Greyhound and similar private bus lines:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit prioritize to their efforts to bring forward actionable policies and programs, based on the commitment by the provincial government to support interregional transit, and that includes equitable funding provisions for interregional connections that provide reasonable, affordable travel for the general public in both municipal and electoral areas of the province.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R30) Small Craft Harbour Management and Divestiture

North Coast RD

Whereas the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is mandated to divest non-core small craft harbours to local governments or other interested parties, or alternatively to decommission them;

And whereas the Department of Fisheries and Oceans retains responsibility for ensuring public safety at all federal harbours, including non-core small craft harbours:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of BC to oppose the divestiture of non-core small craft harbours without adequate funding and to call upon the Government of Canada to commit sufficient, long-term funding for the maintenance and public safety of non-core small craft harbours.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R31) Cease Divestment Efforts of Remote Port Facilities

**Strathcona RD, Islands Trust
qathet RD**

Whereas “remote port facilities” are essential services, defined by Transport Canada as serving isolated communities where marine transportation is the primary mode of transportation;

And whereas Transport Canada has ongoing efforts to divest remote port facilities simultaneous with commitments to maintain remote ports despite the remaining remote port facilities in BC not being conducive to transfer according to Transport Canada’s 2020 evaluation of its Port Asset Transfer Program:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC, UBCM and FCM request Transport Canada and the federal government to cease further efforts to divest remote port facilities, to continue the National Marine Strategy commitment to ongoing maintenance of remote port facilities, and to provide transition funding for divested facilities that provide critical access to remote communities without the capacity to maintain the infrastructure.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R32) Expansion of Fare Free Youth Transit

Capital RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia’s Get on Board! program provides fare-free transit for children aged 12 and under, and youth older than 12 face cost barriers that limit access to education, employment, and community services and to establish lifelong, sustainable travel habits;

And whereas the immediate expansion of fare-free transit to all youth aged 13 to 18 may present fiscal challenges for the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia implement a phased expansion of the fare-free youth transit program by increasing eligibility by one year at a time until fare-free transit is available to youth aged 13 through 18.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R33) Legislative Changes Consultation Process

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.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

ASSESSMENT

R34) Expansion of Strata Accommodation Property Definition

Tofino

Whereas communities across the Province of British Columbia face housing affordability challenges and require fair taxation policies to ensure municipalities can collect appropriate revenue from properties used for commercial accommodation purposes;

And whereas the current definition of Strata Accommodation Property limits business classification to strata plans with twenty or more units, resulting in smaller strata plans used for overnight commercial accommodation being assessed and taxed as residential properties:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to amend legislation to expand the definition of Strata Accommodation Property to include strata plans with fewer than twenty units.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

Part 4 - Section "B" – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse – **CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY**

CURRENT POLICY (per UBCM)

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

R35) Framework for Intergovernmental Relations with First Nations

Port Alberni

Whereas the Province of British Columbia recognizes the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples, as outlined in the *Constitution Act* of 1982, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

And whereas meaningful collaboration and engagement between municipal governments and First Nations are essential for fostering mutual respect, understanding, and shared decision-making in matters affecting local communities;

And whereas the lack of a consistent and formalized framework for intergovernmental relations has led to challenges in communication, resource sharing, and coordinated service delivery between First Nations and local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial and federal governments for the establishment of a comprehensive framework for intergovernmental relations with First Nations;

And be it further resolved that this framework should include:

1. Guidelines for Engagement: Clear protocols for consultation and collaboration between municipalities and First Nations, ensuring that all parties are involved in decision-making processes that affect their communities.
2. Resource Sharing Models: Mechanisms to facilitate the equitable distribution of resources, funding, and support to First Nations and municipal governments to advance shared goals and objectives.
3. Capacity Building Initiatives: Programs to enhance the capacity of both First Nations and local governments to engage in effective intergovernmental relations, including training and development opportunities.
4. Conflict Resolution Processes: Established pathways for addressing disputes or challenges that arise in intergovernmental engagements, fostering a culture of cooperation and mutual respect.
5. Monitoring and Evaluation: A system for assessing the effectiveness of the framework and its implementation, allowing for continuous improvement and adaptation based on the needs of the communities involved.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R36) Short Term Rentals on ALR Land

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas many farmers are diversifying their operations into agri-tourism accommodation in order to remain financially solvent and there are financial and temporal costs associated with registering with the province's Short Term Rental Accommodation Registry that further stress agricultural producers with agri-tourism accommodations;

And whereas short-term rentals on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land are already regulated by the Agricultural Land Commission through the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Regulations, as well as local government bylaws and planning processes:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request an exemption to the *Short Term Rental Accommodations Act* for ALR properties that are in compliance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Regulations and local government bylaws for agri-tourism accommodation.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

OUTSIDE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCOPE (per UBCM)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R37) Student Food Security Grant

Oak Bay

Whereas since 2020 an approximately 20 percent inflation rate has contributed to a cost-of-living crisis that has particularly impacted students, and post-secondary food banks are seeing dramatically increased use, including a tenfold increase in visits to the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) food bank from Spring 2020 to Spring 2024;

And whereas local businesses and the broader community regularly support campus food banks with donations, but student societies require stable funding for student part-time staff positions in order to operate and expand food bank programs to meet the increased needs on their campuses:

Therefore be it resolved AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Honourable Minister Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, to provide funding support to BC post-secondary student unions, by establishing a food security grant, equivalent to \$1.50 per student, to address student food insecurity as evidenced by the increased use of post-secondary campus food banks.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

R38) Post-Secondary Affordability

Victoria

Whereas post-secondary students are facing greater cost-of-living challenges, due to a variety of factors including a lack of affordable housing options, longer and more expensive commutes, a lack of food security and underfunded food banks, and a range of other cost increases, resulting from a university funding model that's over reliant on international students;

And whereas student advocacy organizations have put forward a Student Issues Backgrounder 2025 with policy solutions that can help make life more affordable for students on campus, help bring down housing and transportation costs, and help ensure students have access to affordable food and services that they need to thrive while pursuing higher education:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province implement all 15 policy solutions identified in the Student Issues Backgrounder 2025.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R39) CC-130H Hercules Fleet

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas escalating wildfires and climate change are increasing in intensity and cost across British Columbia and Canada threatening the unceded territories of many First Nations and impairing the ability of Indigenous peoples across Canada to exercise their rights protected under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982, including rights related to land, culture, and traditional practices and resulting in mounting economic costs and greater risk to life and critical infrastructure, demanding bold and timely action;

And whereas larger fires emit greenhouse gases and black carbon smoke that intensify warning and harm air quality and converting Canada's retired CC-130H Hercules fleet into modern air tankers would

protect communities, critical infrastructure, and help reduce catastrophic carbon emissions from wildfires:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia collaborate with the Government of Canada to:

1. Partner with First Nations and the private sector to retrofit a portion of Canada's retired CC-130H Hercules fleet into large air tankers for wildfire suppression in Canada.
2. Deploy these aircraft as part of a strengthened national wildfire response capacity, to be shared with provinces and territories and, where appropriate, used for international humanitarian and emergency missions. Consider that the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre assist in managing deployment under a transparent cost-sharing framework, with initial operating capability by the 2027 wildfire season.
3. Prioritize this made-in-Canada solution that leverages Canadian engineering, protects lives and communities, upholds Indigenous rights, and contributes to environmental sustainability.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R40) Student Ferry Fares

Oak Bay

Whereas post-secondary students currently pay full adult BC Ferries fares, despite facing significant cost-of-living pressures and limited incomes, and this creates affordability barriers to travel to co-op employment, internships, conferences, networking opportunities, and travelling home to visit family, particularly for students who must regularly travel between Vancouver Island and the mainland;

And whereas Indigenous students and students from rural communities are more likely to rely on ferry services, post-secondary students paying a full adult fare reinforces barriers to being able to travel home with ease, increasing inequities in mobility:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Honourable Minister Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, for a \$10/day flat rate ferry fare pilot program, during non-peak hours, for post-secondary students.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 5 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

Late Resolutions are the resolutions received after the February 12, 2026 resolutions deadline, and before the April 22, 2026 deadline for Late Resolutions. 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 Resolutions Committee evaluated the Late Resolutions submitted and made recommendations according to the *Convention Rules*. The *Report on Late Resolutions* was distributed to delegates onsite at the convention, and posted on the website, on April 24, 2026. Sponsors of Late Resolutions that do not meet the criteria for consideration are encouraged to submit their resolutions directly to UBCM before their June 15, 2026 deadline.

There was one Late Resolution that met the criteria for Late Resolutions that was considered:

LR1) Changes to Provincial Property Tax Deferral Program

Esquimalt

WHEREAS the provincial property tax deferral program was established to help seniors and other eligible homeowners with limited incomes remain in their homes by allowing payment of annual property taxes to be deferred until the property is sold or transferred;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 provincial budget changes to the program, including increased interest rates and changes to the compounding formula, are making it significantly more expensive and risk reducing its effectiveness for lower-income seniors, while concerns about higher-income participants could be more appropriately addressed through targeted eligibility criteria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to review the recent changes to the Property Tax Deferral Program with consideration for the needs of low-income seniors on fixed incomes, including the introduction of an income threshold, so that the program continues to support low-income seniors as originally intended.

On MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 6 – OFF-THE-FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

Off-the-Floor Resolutions are the resolutions submitted after the April 22, 2026 deadline for Late Resolutions, per the procedures outlined in the *Convention Rules*.

There were no Off-the-Floor Resolutions Submitted for 2026.