



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
on FRIDAY, March 27th, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Held electronically via Zoom**

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo, President
Director Vanessa Craig, RD of Nanaimo, 1st Vice President
Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis, 2nd Vice President
Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot RD, President
Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton, City of Courtenay, Director at Large
Councillor Trina Isakson, City of Powell River, Director at Large
Councillor Alison MacKenzie, Town of View Royal, Director at Large
Director Donna McMahon, Sunshine Coast RD, Electoral Area Representative

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Director

President Geselbracht called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

a. AGENDA

On motion by 1st Vice President Craig, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fowler
THAT the agenda for the March 27, 2026 meeting be adopted was CARRIED

b. MINUTES

On motion by EA Representative McMahon, seconded by 1st Vice President Craig
THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2026 meeting be adopted was CARRIED

2. PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Geselbracht reported out on activities since the last meeting, including the February webinar on housing corporations and the rural housing program being implemented at the CRD, and the strategic planning session that took place this past weekend. Thank you to the Board and Staff for their efforts in advancing advocacy at AVICC. In addition, staff have been working on a Bylaw revision and has had to work within UBCM's new resolutions rules this year, as well as managing a resolutions database update. In addition, we have been busy on convention planning, as our AGM is now 4 weeks away.

1st Vice President Craig attended the February UBCM Executive Meeting and reported that her first UBCM Executive meeting was very interesting. She participated in the Environment and Convention Planning Committee meetings. There were additional workshops, including one on the Cowichan Tribes case and the value UBCM could bring as a third party intervenor – to assist the deliberations. An additional workshop took place on the matter of the UBCM Governance Review. There was a conversation about Legislative Reform – the calendar has pressing issues, but they have take a look at the barriers as outlined in the roadmap, and have done an analysis and come up with 32 recommendations. They have identified that some of the recommendations have 'functional distinction' issues between municipalities and RDs which are more complex. As a next step, there needs to be a meeting with UBCM where they share their analysis – and the sense was the UBCM Executive is indeed pushing for this to advance. There was further conversation on the professional

reliance member bill, but the Province is not moving in the direction recommended by UBCM. They struck a hiring committee to replace Gary MacIsaac. Advocacy Days will take place immediately before AVICC, and PMFL will be included in a Water Board conversation. It was also identified that any issues related to ICET would come to AVICC for any action or advocacy. The Local Government Climate Action fund is now 'hidden' in the budget – the Province committed to informing local government about whether this funding is available or not.

After the convention, the Area Associations should get together for an update on Legislative Reform – Theresa to reach out to the AA staff to let them know, and to get an update from Don Lidstone. The momentum may need to be pushed with the new ED being hired.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by EA Representative McMahon

THAT the President's Report be received was

CARRIED

3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. 2025 Audited Financial Statements

DELEGATION – 2025 Audit – Liette Bates-Eamer, Partner, KPMG

Ms. Liette Bates-Eamer, Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG joined the meeting to review the 2025 Audited Financial Statements and present the Audit Findings Report at 9:10am.

She presented the audit findings for 2025. The audit is complete, and once the Executive approves the financial statements KPMG can send the finalized copy for inclusion in the annual report. Materiality was increased to \$10,000 in 2024, per the engagement letter, based on an increase in revenues and this continued for 2025. The risks were addressed and there are no significant findings to mention, and one post-journal adjustment entry relating to an interest posting. There were no significant deficiencies discovered through the testing. There are no relevant accounting standard changes anticipated that would impact the Association.

She advised that the financial statements present fairly in all respects, and that KPMG was again able to provide a clean, unqualified opinion. Once approved, we will be in a position to sign the balance sheet, and representation letter. The report included a list of all of the adjustments that have been made; the audit did not identify anything that was left uncorrected.

Theresa Dennison left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 9:32 a.m. so that the Executive had the opportunity to ask any questions without Staff present.

On motion by Past President Cote, seconded by 1st Vice President Craig

THAT the KPMG Audit Findings Report be received and the Draft Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Year Ended December 31, 2025 as provided by KPMG be approved;

THAT President Geselbracht and Past President Cote sign on behalf of the Board; and

THAT the financial statements be brought forward to the membership at the Annual General Meeting was

CARRIED

President Geselbracht thanked Ms. Bates-Eamer for attending our meeting and she left the meeting at 9:34 am.

4. RESOLUTIONS & Policy

DELEGATION: Claire Moglove, AVICC's 2026 Parliamentarian, joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

a. 2026 Resolutions Review

Theresa Dennison advised that the Executive is meeting as the Resolutions Committee. She shared the updated *2026 Convention Rules & Procedures for Handling Resolutions* based on the feedback provided at the January 23, 2026 Executive Meeting, with further updates for clarity and a more streamlined process, including the ability for the Executive to re-order the agenda to move Late and/or Off-The-Floor resolutions to the start of the Sunday session, at their discretion.

Additional updates were proposed to respond to UBCM's new Rules on handling resolutions that excludes resolutions from consideration at UBCM if they fall under four identified criteria: regional scope, non-jurisdictional scope, existing policy in the past 5 years, and resolutions that do not follow the designated format. AVICC does not have these criteria in their rules, and staff recommended adding a new "Part" to our book, that includes resolutions that will be sent to UBCM, not for consideration, but for inclusion in an Appendix to their Resolutions Book.

Additionally, since the updated rules were sent out earlier this week, some additional changes were recommended, and an updated draft was sent out, that included the following updates:

- Replaced "Executive Committee" with "Executive" in all cases for consistency – this is defined in our Bylaws. The word "Committee" is confusing.
- Rule #20 Part 1 – changed the titles of ER and SR so that they are consistent with both UBCM and the *Societies Act* and a sentence added to confirm ER requires 2/3 majority vote per the *Societies Act*. UBCM has the *UBCM Act* which creates differences between the requirements for each. This can cause confusion for our members and the renaming addresses this.
- Rule #20 Part 2 – added a note about regional resolutions being included in an Appendix at UBCM – previous to UBCM's new rules, we have handled Regional Resolutions independently of UBCM.
- Rule #21 – edited (ii) – this removes the ability for members to pull resolutions out of the endorse block to amend the language but still recommend endorse – UBCM does permit this, and upon speaking to UBCM it happens rarely, but can help provide clarity to a policy. Staff asked if we want to continue to allow this or if we would like to restrict pulling "block" resolutions out to members who want to speak in opposition.

Ms. Moglove provided her feedback and the Executive asked questions and provided comments.

On motion by 1st Vice President Craig, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fowler
THAT the AVICC Executive approve the updated *2026 Convention Rules & Procedures for Handling Resolutions* sent to the Executive on March 26 as amended as follows:

- leave Rule #21 un-modified to allow resolutions to be pulled from an Endorse Block to propose an amendment; and
- That the sentence in Rule #20 Part 2 be modified for clarity that we will be forwarding

regional resolutions for inclusion in the UBCM Appendix; and

THAT the updated 2026 Rules be included in the 2026 Annual General Report was CARRIED

For 2026, AVICC received 40 resolutions received by the deadline. The draft Book includes the following resolutions:

- Part 1 – an ER to amend the AVICC Bylaws will be discussed in a separate report later in this meeting and SR will be considered.
- Part 2 – Section A – **1 Regional Resolution** for individual consideration
- Part 3 – Section A – **6 Resolutions in the Endorse Block** with ‘existing’/past policy greater than 5 years ago, that if endorsed will be considered at UBCM.
- Part 3 – Section B – **16 Resolutions for individual consideration** that will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration if endorsed.
- Part 4 – Section A – **11 Resolutions in the Endorse Block** that have been endorsed at UBCM in the past 5 years, that if endorsed will be NOT be considered at UBCM, but instead be added to an Appendix to UBCM’s Resolutions Book,
- Part 4 – Section B – **6 Resolutions for individual consideration** that offer a recommendation of no recommendation. These will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration if endorsed, but instead be included in an Appendix to UBCM’s Book. These resolutions include two that were ‘not endorsed’ after being referred to the UBCM Executive, but were never considered at AVICC. The other four have been identified as being ‘non-jurisdictional’ by UBCM, but have also never been considered at AVICC.

Based on the proposed book, there will be 23 resolutions for individual consideration PLUS an Extraordinary Special Resolution. The program includes an extra 20 minutes of time for resolutions this year.

Staff shared that the AVICC Resolutions Committee may choose to update the recommendations and/or comments relating to any of the resolutions in the book. Previously, UBCM provided ‘Resolutions Committee Comments’, which the AVICC Executive would modify and endorse. This year, staff created a separate section for UBCM’s recommendations when they differ from AVICC’s views, enabling the AVICC Executive to offer additional comments directly to members. This change addresses inconsistencies between UBCM’s Rules and AVICC’s Policies.

As of March 23rd, there have been no Late Resolutions submitted. Late Resolutions will be considered by the Executive at the April 23, 2026 meeting to make a recommendation on whether late resolutions should be admitted for debate. To be admitted for debate, Late Resolutions should be of an urgent nature, emerging since the February 12th deadline to submit resolutions. The Report on Late Resolutions will be distributed to members on April 11th onsite at convention. If time allows, member representatives will consider the report on Late Resolutions at the Sunday morning resolutions session.

The Executive had the following feedback:

- R22 – title doesn’t match the intent of the enactment clause, however it was decided not to pursue a change – in the future we should flag this as an advocacy or education piece to ensure resolutions titles match the enactment clause

The additional feedback has been incorporated into a motion:

On motion by Director Isakson, seconded by EA Representative McMahon
THAT the Resolutions Committee direct staff to make the following revisions to the 2026 Resolutions Book, working with resolution sponsors when appropriate and possible:

- **R5** – add AVICC and/or UBCM to provide the action;
- **R5** – spell out the acronyms in the enactment clause;
- **R11** – change municipalities to “areas”;
- **R14** – Add AVICC Resolution Committee Comments about the history of the resolution at AVICC from 2025;
- **R21** – change municipalities to local governments;
- **R23** – Suggest an amendment to sponsor to amend the enactment clause – “Therefore be it resolved that UBCM **reconsider** Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 **to restore** the prior resolutions submission process.” and if they do not accept the resolution, we can leave it as-is;
- **R33** – change ‘municipalities’ to ‘local governments’;
- **R35** – Add the following to the AVICC comments:

“Port Alberni submitted this directly to UBCM in 2025 (NR83). Due to time constraints it was referred to UBCM Executive who decided to Not Endorse; therefore UBCM will not undertake advocacy on this issue. Because this resolution was not previously considered at AVICC it does not form part of AVICC policy, resulting in No Recommendation. Should it be endorsed by the membership AVICC Executive may undertake advocacy”;

- **R36** – Add the following to AVICC comments:

“This resolution was similar to NR87 submitted to UBCM by Okanagan-Similkameen RD. Due to time constraints it was referred to UBCM Executive who decided to Not Endorse; therefore UBCM will not undertake advocacy on this issue. Because this issue has not previously considered at AVICC it does not form part of AVICC policy, resulting in No Recommendation. Should it be endorsed by the membership AVICC Executive may undertake advocacy.

Note that the AVICC membership did not endorse 2023-R17 from City of Nanaimo which requested that the ALC be requested to seek ways to permit more housing on Agriculture Land Reserve land linked to increased farm activity and food production, subject to control by regulations to guarantee that any new housing could only be occupied by farmers working on the land”;

- **R37 and R38 , R39 and R40** – Add the following to the AVICC comments:

“The Resolutions Committee notes that according to UBCM, this resolution falls outside the jurisdiction of local government. Consequently, UBCM members will not have the opportunity to consider this resolution, and thus, UBCM will not advance advocacy on this issue. Additionally, this resolution has not previously been brought before AVICC members. Because this issue has not previously considered at AVICC it does not form part of AVICC policy, resulting in No Recommendation. Should it be endorsed by the membership AVICC Executive may undertake advocacy” and

- **R40** – capitalize “Indigenous” was

CARRIED

On motion by Director Cole-Hamilton, seconded by Director Isakson
THAT the report on the 2026 Resolutions with comments of the Resolutions Committee be received; and

THAT the resolutions with comments and recommendations be approved for distribution as amended was CARRIED

President Geselbracht thanked Claire Moglove, and she left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

The Executive took a break at 11:02 a.m. and returned at 11:14 a.m.

b. 2026 AVICC Bylaw Review

Theresa Dennison presented a report that included a review of AVICC's Bylaws. This conversation has been taking place throughout the term, and Staff have presented a special extraordinary resolution and redlined bylaw with the intent to repeal and replace AVICC's existing Bylaws.

At the January 23, 2026 meeting, staff presented a Bylaw Revision that incorporated the feedback from the Executive throughout the term, subcommittee recommendations from the August 2025 meeting, and the feedback provided by Victoria Mayor Marianne Alto about how to best update our Bylaws to better serve all of our members. The Executive expressed a desire to propose an amendment that would add a CRD Representative to the Board, and as a back up, we could add a fourth Director at Large.

Staff worked with 1st Vice President Craig to refine the proposed Extraordinary Special Resolution and its background. ER1 includes a Schedule A that allows for an additional CRD Representative to join the Board. If this is defeated, the Executive will present ER2, which includes Schedule B that includes all of the same edits except that instead of a CRD Representative, we have suggested adding an additional Director at Large.

Staff proposes that we send a communication to members in advance of publishing our Resolutions Book so that they have an opportunity to review the proposed ER1 and ER2, along with both Schedule A and Schedule B as they will be included in the Resolutions Book.

After the Bylaws are updated by approval of our membership at the 2026 AGM, there are additional updates that would be required within the Executive policies that the next term's Executive could approve.

On motion by Director Cole-Hamilton, seconded by Past President Cote
THAT the AVICC Executive endorse ER1 and ER2, along with Schedule A and Schedule B and the proposed Background Information for inclusion in the 2026 AVICC Resolutions Book and member consideration; and

THAT staff work with President Geselbracht to send a communication about the proposed Bylaw amendments to members in advance of the publication of the Resolutions Book was CARRIED

c. 2026 Special Executive Resolutions

Special Resolutions are resolutions endorsed by the AVICC Executive that are included for consideration following any Extraordinary Resolutions. These resolutions go into a separate section of our Book and will be considered on the Saturday morning of our resolutions sessions.

The AVICC Executive has not submitted any proposed special resolutions to staff as of this time, and it should be noted that in order to include a special resolution, it must be endorsed at this meeting to be included in the Resolutions Book.

Staff shared communications from members, and other area associations on potential issues that could be included as a Special Executive Resolution. Consideration was given to the Port Divestiture resolutions, sponsored by 4 different members but it was determined that we would not submit any for this year.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Past President Cote
THAT the AVICC Executive receive the report on Special Executive Resolutions was CARRIED

5. CONVENTION

a. 2026 Convention Update and Draft Program

Theresa Dennison shared an update on the progress of planning for the 2026 AVICC AGM & Convention. The program is scheduled to be published after this meeting and remains in draft status until shortly prior to the convention to allow for modifications due to speaker availability and potential emergent issues.

There are several items that would benefit from Executive direction, including

- Consider a provincial rep for the opening ceremonies
- A conversation about use of the TAC Reserve Fund for the AGM
- consider requests for non-member participation
- review not-for-profit booths and consider complimentary registrations;
- confirm the speaker gift donations in lieu of physical gifts
- Discuss the Resolutions Prioritization Survey
- Consider a pre-meeting with the Keynote Speaker

The Executive were also asked to provide any additional feedback on the other items included in the update.

Special Guests and Invitations to First Nations

Invitations for complimentary registrations have been extended to Life Members, UBCM & Area Association Presidents, Student Delegates, Provincial MLAs and Ministers, and Federal MPs. Premier Eby was invited to speak, but has not responded to the invitation yet. In the invitation to the Premier, we requested that Deputy Premier Sharma attend in his place, and we have not heard from Minister Sharma yet either. We have received regrets from a number of AVICC – regional MLAs and Ministers, and staff is seeking direction on how to best address this. We may have success by inviting one of the local Victoria MLAs to join us and welcome our delegates, although none have yet confirmed their attendance.

On motion President Geselbracht seconded by 2nd Vice President Fowler
THAT should the Premier and Deputy Premier decline our offer Minister Osborne be invited to participate in the opening ceremonies and address our delegates was CARRIED

Invitations have also been extended to the First Nations Chiefs from the Songhees and Kosapsum (Esquimalt) First Nations in letters signed by the AVICC President. The Lekwungen Dancers have been confirmed for the opening ceremonies.

Invitations were also extended through the AVICC Chiefs, Mayors and Chairs to invite the Chiefs from throughout the AVICC Region or their designates to attend at no charge, including the Chiefs Mayors and Chairs Forum and Lunch. There is currently about \$25K remaining in the TAC Reserve Fund, that is to be used towards initiatives and education advancing our members' relationships with First Nations.

We are expecting the following expenses to be drawn from the TAC Reserve Fund for the Convention this year:

- 7 Non-Member First Nations Chiefs @ \$650 each = \$4550
- 1 Student Delegate who will take a hereditary Chieftainship with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations @ \$500
- 2 Hotel Rooms for speakers with the ICET session who represent Nations involved in ICET's co-governance model \$700
- Speaker fees/ travel for a First Nations Representative to participate in the Forestry Panel - \$750
- Fee for the Lekwungen Dancers to participate in the opening Ceremonies - \$750 and to cover the welcome from Chief Sam and/or Chief Thomas - \$500

The total anticipated amount to be transferred for the purpose of advancing reconciliation at AVICC using the TAC reserve fund is estimated to be up to \$7500.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Past President Cote

THAT the AVICC Executive approve up to \$7500 to be transferred from the TAC Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting the inclusion of First Nations at the 2026 AVICC AGM & Convention was CARRIED

The AVICC Convention is not open to the public, and all delegates must be invited by the AVICC Executive (Bylaws 4.10). Staff have been approached by the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Victoria who has not yet been approved to attend, and would like to register as a non-member delegate.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Past President Cote

THAT the AVICC Executive approve Habitat for Humanity Victoria to register as non-member delegates for the 2026 AVICC AGM & Convention was DEFEATED

There was a conversation about what the benefit is for our members for them to attend, and that they could sponsor or participate in our trade show like everyone else.

Sponsorship and Tradeshow

The revenue from sponsors allows AVICC to keep its registration fees low while delivering a high-quality convention. There is good space for trade show exhibitors at VCC, and this has helped to attract sponsors and trade show participants. This year, we have secured \$103K in Sponsorship Revenue (2024 - \$92,500, 2023 - \$71K). The fee for a non-sponsoring organization to participate in the trade show is \$2000, and the total non-sponsor tradeshow revenue to date is \$18K (9

booths – same as in 2025, but some new organizations). The approved 2026 convention budget included \$120K in sponsorship and trade show revenue, and currently staff is anticipating \$113K in revenue from this source (which is \$7,000 less than budget but \$4,500 more than the last time we were in Victoria in 2024).

There are several organizations who have participated in the past who are unable to confirm booths at the rate of \$2000, and staff would like to offer them booths at a rate of \$1000, since there is still space available for these organizations. These organizations include:

- Children’s Health Network
- Stewardship Centre of BC
- Centre for Civic Governance
- United Way BC
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

There was a conversation about developing a Policy on how to discount rates for our trade show for non-profits moving forward, and that it was important to ensure that if we offer discounted rates this year, that the organizations are aware that we are currently considering a policy on this issue so it is not expected every year.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Director Isakson

THAT The AVICC Executive approve offering booths to the Children’s Health Network, the Stewardship Centre of BC, the Centre for Civic Governance, the United Way of BC, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Habitat for Humanity Victoria at a discounted rate of \$1000 was

CARRIED

EA Representative McMahon - OPPOSED

Island Health is a Gold Sponsor, and is entitled to two complimentary delegate passes, and a trade show booth. In past years, they would donate their booth to the Community Health Networks (CHN) but will be taking their booth and be using the delegate passes for Island Health Senior Staff and their Board Chair or her designate. In past years, the AVICC Executive has offered two or three complimentary Trade Show access passes to CHN to staff their booth – shared with different staff who attend at different times. This year, staff would like to recommend that we offer a complimentary booth, and two trade show passes for their volunteers.

It was identified that the members in the Vancouver Coastal Health do not participate in the Community Health Networks on the Island.

On motion by Past President Cote, seconded by President Geselbracht

THAT the AVICC Executive offer a complimentary booth with two complimentary trade show passes for representatives of the Community Health Networks was

CARRIED

Session Updates

At the December and January meetings, the Executive approved the sessions to be included in the program, and the Keynote and closing Keynote were approved at the October meeting. The Keynote Speaker, Shachi Kurl, has offered to meet with members of the AVICC Executive if they want, to help inform her talk. She has also offered to attend the event throughout the weekend. The Executive is invited to express interest in participating in a pre-meeting with the Keynote Speaker. Staff was asked to find a time to meet in advance with Shachi Kurl in advance

of convention, and to invite any members of the Executive who are able to attend, and to ask about Q & A through Slido or by microphone.

Speaker Gift Donation Charity

As we have done in past years, in lieu of speaker gifts, a donation will be made to a local charity. \$1400 has been included in the budget for this.

On motion by 1st Vice President Craig, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fowler
THAT a donation to the Intercultural Association of Greater Victoria, and the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society be made on behalf of AVICC in lieu of speaker gifts for the 2026 AVICC AGM & Convention was
CARRIED

There was a conversation about providing donations to organizations that are not located within the host community regions. There have been other organizations in the past that benefit our members more broadly. In future years, we could ask the host community to suggest an organization that supports our members more broadly.

Executive Schedule at Convention

Members of the Executive are asked to attend the various sessions, to ensure there is an Executive presence at all sessions, and to introduce the panelists or speaker. Staff is requesting that if there are specific sessions in the program that the members of the Executive would like to attend, that they email this information to staff.

It was identified last year that the Past President, who is also the Chair of the Nominating Committee spent a lot of time on stage, rather than enjoying the convention on behalf of their community.

Staff is proposing the following schedule for 2026:

- SESSION 1 (Saturday): **President- Chair** with EA Representative, and 2 Directors at Large
- SESSION 2 (Saturday): **Past President- Chair** with President, 2nd Vice President, and 1 Director at Large
- SESSION 3 (Sunday): **1st Vice President- Chair** with Past President, President and 2nd Vice President. This is the session to consider “Late Resolutions” or “Off-the-Floor Resolutions”, time permitting and may involve dealing with a re-order of the resolutions per our new rules.

On motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Past President Cote
THAT the AVICC Executive confirm that the President, Past President, and 1st Vice President are assigned to Chair the Resolutions Sessions as proposed by Staff was
CARRIED

Resolutions and Advocacy Prioritization Survey

In the past, AVICC conducted an advocacy survey to help inform the AVICC Executive on which issues should be flagged as priorities for AVICC advocacy, although we have not had many responses (under 10% of member representatives). This year, this survey will be held onsite at the convention, and members who complete this survey will be eligible to win a prize. It was determined at the strategic planning session that was held earlier this month that it was important to be intentional about the questions we include in the resolutions prioritization survey. The survey will also be available to members who did not attend the in-person

convention so that we can gather as much information as possible to inform the work we do. Staff will also share the information with the other area associations who are conducting a similar prioritization exercise.

Staff proposes that we duplicate some of the questions, but instead of the topics included, that we utilize the resolutions book to unpack the information. Staff suggests including the following questions:

- Ask which resolutions from each section in parts 3 and 4 should be prioritized for advocacy (top 2)
- Ask which resolutions overall should be prioritized for advocacy (top 5)
- Ask them to prioritize the 10 “categories” in the Resolutions Book
- Include a similar ranking exercise based on the feedback from last year
- Open ended questions:
 - What education and discussion sessions would you attend?
 - What is the most important issue for AVICC to advocate for on behalf of its members?

Staff is requesting feedback from the Executive on the questions in the survey, and would like to work with member(s) of the Executive on the content before bringing it back to the board at their April 2026 Executive meeting for approval. The Executive had the following feedback:

- Advocacy Strategy – ask them what kind of advocacy activities are most effective
- Categories not important – can be omitted, or included with respect to education
- What issues have been passed previously that would benefit from long-term advocacy?
- Here’s what we did this year – what did you like?
- Potentially having some of the questions via SLIDO

On motion by Director Isakson, seconded by Director Cole-Hamilton

THAT The AVICC Executive direct staff to work with President Geselbracht, 1st Vice President Craig Director Cole-Hamilton and Director Isakson to confirm a survey to be conducted onsite at the convention to be approved at the April Executive Meeting onsite at the 2026 AVICC Convention was CARRIED

Director McMahon brought up an initiative where someone is starting a group on elected official mental health. There was support to include a 5 minute update if she could find someone to speak to it.

On motion by EA Representative McMahon, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fowler

THAT the AVICC Executive receive the March 27, 2026 report on 2026 Convention Planning for information was CARRIED

6. ADVOCACY

a. Advocacy and Legacy Planning

Earlier this week, staff was approached by NCLGA to co-host a webinar to take place this year to help support members in their minister meetings at UBCM. Since this aligns with the direction in our Strategic Plan, it staff has expressed interest to learn more. The work wouldn’t begin until late May, following NCLGA’s AGM. The Executive was asked for their guidance.

On motion by 1st Vice President Craig, seconded by President Geselbracht

THAT AVICC Staff investigate working with NCLGA on a webinar was CARRIED

Theresa Dennison provided a verbal update on the recent strategic planning and legacy document produced by the Board through Allison Habkirk on March 21-22, 2026. She asked for comments on the document that was circulated this past Wednesday. This document will be used to create a 'public' facing document to be shared with members. She asked the AVICC Executive for comment:

- A formal conversation would be rushed, but that the President mentions it at the AGM report, and if a more formal presentation is required;
- The Executive was asked to provide comments by Tuesday of next week on the content so that – TD to send it out with instructions; and
- This document will then be sent back to Allison and she will create a one-page document for additional feedback.

In addition, the AVICC President has been invited to attend another area association convention this year. Last year, staff attended SILGA and 1st Vice President Craig attended LMLGA. This year, the other area association conventions are taking place as follows:

- April 17-19 – AKBLG – Trail, BC
- April 29 – May 1 – LMLGA – Whistler, BC
- April 29 – May 2 – SILGA – Revelstoke, BC
- May 20-22 – NCLGA – Prince George, BC

On motion by President Geselbracht, seconded by Director Cole-Hamilton
THAT the 2026-27 AVICC President be sent to NCLGA and the travel costs be approved was
CARRIED

There is room in the budget for the President (or designate) to attend one of these events. Registration is complimentary for all event, although we cover the accommodation and travel. Per AVICC Policies, the AVICC Executive Director is eligible to attend an alternate event every second year (and this is budgeted to take place in the years where the event is in Nanaimo)

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the AVICC Executive is set for April 23rd, 2026 at the Victoria Conference Centre, Metchosin Room, Lunch to be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:06, on motion by 2nd Vice President Fowler, seconded by Director MacKenzie
THAT the meeting be adjourned was
CARRIED