



Executive Advocacy Planning Session

Meeting Summary | June 23, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Summary

The Executive met via Zoom on June 23rd to discuss advocacy actions associated with resolutions endorsed at the 2026 AGM as well as outstanding issues the Executive has advocated for in the past. This is the first time we have met specifically to identify advocacy priorities and actions and it was a very successful session that we will continue to build on.

How Priorities Were Identified

All resolutions endorsed at the convention have been forwarded to UBCM. Most will be considered at convention; however, UBCM has indicated that several resolutions won't be considered based on four criteria: that the resolution repeats existing policy (a resolution endorsed or not endorsed within the last 5 years), that the resolution is considered regional (ie. pertains only to one area of B.C. rather than more generally), that UBCM considered the resolution topic outside the sphere of local government, and/or that the resolution was poorly written (no AVICC resolutions fell into this category). During the AVICC convention, members were asked [via survey](#) to identify the resolutions they considered most important to action, as well as priority areas for advocacy and education. Both the resolutions and the priorities identified by members informed the Executive's discussion.

Session Process

During the meeting, the AVICC Executive:

- **Discussed the criteria** to help decide on advocacy actions and priorities including: staff capacity, high member value, aligns with mandate, and whether UBCM is already actioning it.
- **Created a list of potential actions** AVICC could take, linked to the estimated staff capacity required for these items, ranging from low (e.g., writing a letter) to high (e.g., working group with members).
- **Provided input** (via Slido) of potential actions for resolutions and priorities identified by members. Due to staff capacity and work-plan timing, the upcoming joint webinar with other area associations on Minister meetings on August 27th, as well as the upcoming election and focus on newly elected training in early 2027, the priorities will inform advocacy primarily for 2027. Once the information is compiled, the Executive will review and confirm 2026-2027 activities.
- Confirmed that the AVICC Executive will **convey all resolutions** endorsed at AVICC to either UBCM or the province, as appropriate.

UBCM Minister Meeting Requests

- The Executive decided to request several Minister meetings at the 2026 UBCM Convention, and we will work with resolution sponsors in identifying participants if we receive a meeting:
 - ❖ **Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, Adrian Dix** regarding energy security on northern Vancouver Island. This request is based on 2 different resolutions from northern and remote communities over the last 2 years; both were considered by UBCM as regional and so were not considered by the UBCM membership.
 - ❖ **Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Christine Boyle** regarding the request for the government to form an advisory body for public libraries as outlined in the *Library Act*; supportive housing residential tenancy act amendments; and legislative reform. These topics were identified based on numerous resolutions in support of public libraries, and the selection by the members through the survey of public libraries and supportive housing as top advocacy priorities. We also included a request for an update on the initiative to reform regional district legislation, which is an issue that has received extensive AVICC member advocacy.
 - ❖ **Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Spencer Chandra Herbert** regarding Indigenous relations framework and capacity funding. This request is based on resolutions over the last two years and the selection by the members through the survey of Indigenous-local government relationships as a top advocacy priority.

Additional Advocacy Direction & Next Steps

- The Executive also decided to develop a request to meet with Ministry staff on the issue of **watershed security** with the goal to request staff from multiple Ministries attend (MoF, WLRS, EMCR). This request builds on numerous resolutions on watershed security and the issue of Private Managed Forest Land as well as previous advocacy including Minister meetings and a working group.
- We also confirmed that we would reach out to members to indicate that, upon request, members of the AVICC Executive are willing to accompany member local governments to Minister meetings on issues identified as important by the membership.
- As a next step, the AVICC Executive will consider and approve a staff work-plan informed by this session at their next AVICC Executive meeting, to take place August 14, 2026.