

## 2010 AVICC ENDORSED RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

THE FOLLOWING ENDORSED RESOLUTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO UBCM:

### R1 ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING

AVICC Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC call on the Province of British Columbia to restore funds to community arts and culture organizations to the 2008 / 2009 levels.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

***(Note R2 Support for Arts & Culture Funding was endorsed as a joint resolution; AVICC Executive agreed at their April 23, 2010 Meeting to put forward R1 to UBCM)***

### R3 MEAT REGULATIONS

North Saanich

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities petition the Province to tailor the Meat Inspection Regulations to allow local, and / or mobile small-scale abattoir facilities to operate under less stringent facility regulations without lowering health and safety standards, without the requirements for a meat inspector on site when slaughtering, and that any meat processed in such a manner will be allowed to be sold locally to the public.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

### R7 CANADA GOOSE POPULATION

North Saanich

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities petition the federal government and Canadian Wildlife Service to implement changes to the regulations under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and make effective mechanisms available to local governments in dealing with the problems associated with overpopulation of Canada geese.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

### R8 RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION ON PRIVATE FOREST LANDS

Parksville

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the provincial government amend the *Private Forest Management Land Act* with the goal to maintain and restore the productivity and resiliency of riparian ecosystems by maintaining along a stream or river all the biological and physical characteristics of an undisturbed forest, including both buffering and connectivity.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R9 SOUTHERN STRAIT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL MARINE  
CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE**

**Islands Trust**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM supports the establishment of a large, ecologically zoned NMCAR in the southern Strait of Georgia from the proposed southern end of Haro Strait, up to and including, Gabriola Passage, and urge immediate action from the provincial and federal governments to proceed on this initiative while respecting First Nations interests in the area.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R10 PARKLAND DEDICATION**

**Metchosin**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial legislation be amended to increase the size of the smallest lot in Section 941 5(b) to be larger than 4 hectares.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R12 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities urge the Solicitor General to reinstate core funding for emergency management training.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R13 EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT  
PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE MAJOR LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

**Central Saanich**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC urge the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to lobby the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government of Canada for the addition of significant funding components in the infrastructure grant programs to assist local governments with major facilities projects such as municipal halls, fire halls, public safety buildings and public works yards.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R14 INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to extend the completion deadline for Infrastructure Stimulus funded projects from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R15 TREATY SETTLEMENT COSTS**

**Colwood**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to include a formula to fairly compensate any local government for the loss of land as a result of settlement

agreement with Aboriginal people so that all the parties who benefit from the agreement share the costs and benefits of the agreement equally.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R17 PRIME BC**

**North Cowichan**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to hold user fees for PRIME BC at 2009 levels and consult with local governments before implementing further fee increases that affect local government budgets.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R19 RELEASE OF LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA SITES INFORMATION**

**Sooke**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government:

- a. to require those persons applying for a medical marijuana site be required to comply with local building code and inspection requirements prior to Health Canada issuing the licence, and
- b. to release the information as to registered medical marijuana sites to local authorities.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R20 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM**

**Sechelt District**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be strongly urged to adequately fund the services the community justice programs provide to communities and the now very overloaded court systems.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R21 BC FERRIES SUBSIDY**

**Metchosin**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferries and the provincial government, through the Ministry of Health Services, recognize the financial challenges for some families and provide help by subsidizing the ferry fares of immediate family members incurred when travelling back and forth on BC Ferries during the extended period of a child's treatment.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R22 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

**Sechelt District**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to expand services and funding for people with mental illness and addictions, especially in small and midsize communities, where seed monies to fund "not for profit", day programs, street support workers, recreation programs and nutrition programs are critically lacking.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**LR2 B.C. FERRIES FARE INCREASES**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM form a task force with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to explore ways and means to eliminate these extreme annual hikes prior to the Province entering into the third contract term with the Corporation.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**LR11 PHYSICAL ACCESS FOR DISABLED PASSENGERS**

**Parksville**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Parksville, on behalf of Parksville's Measuring Up Committee, lobby the Provincial & Federal governments through the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that Canadian public transportation providers be required by law to provide physical access for disabled passengers in Canada similar to the United States "Americans with Disabilities Act" which was adopted in 1990.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**LR13 COASTAL DOUGLAS FIR MOIST  
MARITIME LAND USE**

**AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS a logging application has been submitted to Calvin Ross at South Island Forest District in Port Alberni to log the Nanoose Wetland Forest (DL33).

WHEREAS even small parcels like DL33 make important contributions to conservation of coastal Douglas Fir and contains the only remaining intact watershed of any tributary supplying Nanoose Creek, a wild salmon stream.

WHEREAS BC Environment Ministry confirm that nearly every type of Old Growth Douglas Fir Forest on BC dry coastal plain is now rare or endangered.

WHEREAS the coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem that once dominated the Georgia Basin now teetered at the brink of extinction and most of what does remain is the responsibility of British Columbians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AVICC request that the Ministry of Environment to allow for the Coastal Douglas Fir Moist Maritime land use order to follow its proper public consultation and ministerial development course and process.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

THE FOLLOWING FOUR RESOLUTIONS WERE ENDORSED WITH DIRECTION TO AVICC EXECUTIVE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RESPECTIVE SPONSOR, TO DRAFT A SINGLE RESOLUTION AND SUBMIT TO UBCM BY THE JUNE 30, 2010 RESOLUTION DEADLINE:

**RR1 DERELICT VESSELS**

**Sooke**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia negotiate directly with the Government of Canada to determine which of those two orders of government has appropriate jurisdiction in these matters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities negotiate with the Province of British Columbia to continue to work with the federal government in addressing this outstanding issue affecting all coastal communities in BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the removal of derelict vessels be at no cost to local government.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**R4 DERELICT VESSELS**

**North Saanich**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities strongly petition the Province, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to take immediate action to remove any derelict vessels that have been unoccupied for a period of three months or longer from the coastal waters and harbours of any communities requesting such action.

**R5 DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS, BARGES & DOCKS**

**Islands Trust**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to develop a coordinated approach to the timely and adequate removal of all types of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks in all situations and consider the following strategies:

- funding mechanism(s) such as a fee on vessel registrations or a surcharge on marine fuel to fund the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks;
- designated disposal areas where owners can take their unwanted boats and structures to provide an alternative to abandonment on public property; and
- establishment of fibreglass boat recycling centres.

**R6 DERELICT VESSELS**

**Sechelt District**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of BC Municipalities work with the Province of British Columbia to petition the Government of Canada to make legislative changes that would streamline the process for removal of abandoned or derelict vessels from its harbours at little to no cost to the harbour authority.

***ON MOTION, R4, R5 and R6 were ENDORSED***

THE FOLLOWING MOTION IS DIRECTED TO AVICC FOR ACTION:

**LR12 RAIL TERMINUS IN NANAIMO**

**AVICC Executive**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AVICC support the establishment of the main rail terminus in Nanaimo and the proposed two train early morning southbound schedule as a first step in providing improved rail service on Vancouver Island, and encourages VIA Rail to increase the operating subsidy necessary for this to occur.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY***

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