



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: 02 June 2016
TO: Board Chair Alison Sayers and Board Members
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer, Darla Blake
SUBJECT: AVICC 2016 Resolutions Discussion Paper

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors advises Chair Sayers of their support for *** when voting at UBCM.**

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 12 May 2016, the Board considered Item C(b) which contained the final resolutions from the AVICC conference held in Nanaimo, April 8-10, 2016. During the discussion the board agreed they would look through the resolutions and come prepared to the June 9, 2016 board meeting ready to discuss. The CAO said she would prepare a selection of resolutions she thought the board may wish to give more consideration to. Please see the bullet point and red comments at the end of the relevant resolution.

All 2016 AVICC Resolutions from 8-10 April 2016

AE 1 AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management AVICC Executive

WHEREAS Regional Districts in British Columbia are mandated by the Provincial Environment Management Act to manage solid waste;

AND WHEREAS communities face challenges providing long term sustainability for waste management on Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast

AND WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) special committee on solid waste management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the special committee on solid waste areas of work being Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; Regulations and Enforcement and the 2016 action plan being:

Partnership - Develop a vision and goals including a communication strategy and a unified education program.

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Partnership – continue to meet regularly – identify one solid waste challenge or opportunity to investigate at each meeting, and establish a process to maintain and update the 2015 baseline report.

Advocacy – engage the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and industry groups to review and expand waste reduction and diversion policies.

Long-term Disposal – conduct an assessment to forecast future solid waste disposal demand of AVICC member populations in twenty, forty and sixty years time.

Regulations and Enforcement – ensure that, where practicable, disposal bans and bylaws are consistent across regions to reduce leakage across borders.

AND FINALLY THAT the special committee on solid waste management report back to the 2017 convention on outcomes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- **CCRD was not included as one of the partners in the regional district discussions**

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions were referred for AVICC consideration in 2016.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

Part 2 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R1 RCMP Funding City of Courtenay

Whereas the Comox Valley is served by an integrated detachment of the RCMP and all the jurisdictions in the Comox Valley receive the same level of service from the RCMP regardless of financial commitment or funding contribution;

And whereas the City of Courtenay funds the greatest number of RCMP members in the Comox Valley and pays significantly higher police costs per capita and responsibility of the RCMP funding model for British Columbia rests with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to develop an equitable funding program for all BC municipalities and regional districts including those served by integrated detachments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ELECTIONS

R2 Amendment To *Local Government Act*: Municipal Election Process City of Victoria

Whereas the British Columbia *Local Government Act* prescribes municipal election processes, including the candidate nomination period and other election timelines;

And whereas local governments endeavour to ensure best practices and operational efficiencies are employed to encourage voter turnout;

And whereas the time period between the end of the nomination period and the beginning of the election period, through advance voting opportunities, is insufficient to enable voters who are absent from the jurisdiction during the voting period, to participate in voting through a mail ballot process:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Local Government Act*, prior to the 2018 Local General Elections, to increase the time period between the end of the candidate nomination period and the beginning of the election period, to facilitate the administration of the mail ballot process and provide greater voting opportunities for citizens.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R3 Island Corridor Foundation Federal Funding City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E&N) Railway corridor remains a critical transportation asset for the current and future needs of the people and economy of Vancouver Island;
And whereas AVICC passed a resolution urging action in 2012 and further delay in repairs to the corridor jeopardizes its viability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Government of Canada to approve and release the \$7.5 million for capital works on the Victoria to Courtenay rail line in order for work to begin as soon as possible and ensure the future of rail based freight and passenger transportation between Victoria, Courtenay and Port Alberni.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R4 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax Capital RD

Whereas the issue of affordable housing is one of critical growing concern;
Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia take action to reduce the negative impacts on housing affordability in our province by reducing the Property Transfer Tax on both new and existing homes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R5 Vancouver Island Regional Library Costs City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is a much-valued cooperative regional library system that serves over 400,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and the Central Coast and has a member board comprising thirty-eight representative local governments;

And whereas many local governments are struggling to fund significant annual rate increases imposed to levies:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Vancouver Island Regional Library to fully consider the ability of local governments to continue to pay for rate increases that impose an increased burden on the already-strained municipal property tax base.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM, which was not endorsed

R6 Social Procurement Village of Cumberland, City of Victoria

Whereas fostering the social wellbeing of the community is identified as a municipal purpose by the *Community Charter* and a regional district purpose by the *Local Government Act*; And whereas the widespread adoption of social procurement practices by all local governments in BC will diversify the vendor pool and further leverage tax dollars to better align with community values:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advance the use of social procurement practices by local governments;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to consider the inclusion of social procurement into Part 6 (Financial Management) of the *Community Charter* and Part 11 (Regional District- Financial Management) of the *Local Government Act*.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM

R7 Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments City of Duncan

Whereas the federal government plans to establish a federal/provincial/territorial task force to seek input from experts in public health, substance abuse, and law enforcement to design a new system of strict marijuana sales and distribution with federal and provincial excise taxes applied;

And whereas regulation and enforcement for medicinal marijuana retail dispensaries will likely fall to the local governments once the law changes, thus creating additional burdens on local government resources:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the federal government to request that a portion of any future federal or provincial tax collected through marijuana sales and distribution be shared with local governments, and that the concept of tax sharing with local governments be forwarded to the task force looking into the new system of marijuana sales and distribution, for consideration.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R8 Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing City of Victoria

Whereas many local governments have committed to climate action and socially responsible investing;

And whereas a central strategy for climate change mitigation is to reduce emissions into the atmosphere relating to the consumption of fossil fuels, which includes divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in renewable sources of energy, employment and revenue;

And whereas local government are empowered in provincial legislation to invest through the Municipal Finance Authority, and the current investment portfolio offered by the Municipal Finance Authority does not include a fossil-fuel free investment option:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Municipal Finance Authority to create a fossil-fuel-free investment fund to provide local governments with an investment choice that aligns with priorities for climate action and social responsibility.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R9 Rainwater as a Potable Water Source Nanaimo RD

Whereas small water systems that operate under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and provide water to the public have the need for alternate potable water supplies in rural, un-serviced communities in BC;

And whereas rainwater has the potential to be a safe additional drinking water source to augment low-yielding groundwater or surface water supplies;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to develop rainwater-specific treatment objectives and standards, source characterization protocols and infrastructure requirements, to enhance the ability of small water system operators to implement and local health authorities to approve rainwater source(s) for potable water.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM

R10 Pop For Parks: Establishing A Fund For Nature’s Future District of Highlands

Whereas the protection of greenspace is essential to our environmental, social and economic wellbeing and many of BC’s most valuable and most threatened ecosystems are found on private lands;

And whereas \$10-15 million could be raised annually for conservation by following the example of several states and recapturing the windfall monies that accrue when consumers fail to redeem container deposits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government redirect unredeemed container deposits into an annual fund for the acquisition and protection of privately owned natural spaces in BC.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R11 Protection of Old-Growth Forests District of Metchosin, City of Colwood

Whereas old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island, and is gone for centuries once logged; And whereas old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink and much more;

And whereas current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging;

And be it further resolved that AVICC send a letter to the provincial government—Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations—as well as relevant government organizations requesting that the *Vancouver Island Land Use Plan* be amended to protect all of Vancouver Island's remaining old growth forest on provincial Crown land.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R12 Funding For Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas the cost of water conservation, sustainability, and drought management are currently high profile issues, and developing a policy framework and funding program to support rainwater harvesting systems is vital to supporting the agricultural industry and enhance vibrant local food systems across the province with safe, consistent and affordable access to water;

And whereas the establishment of a fund for the rebate portion for agricultural rainwater harvesting systems will:

- Reduce the draw on regional, municipal and ground water systems,
- Lead to an increase in the amount of irrigated land,
- Increase overall agricultural production,
- Increase water availability for trending urban agricultural initiatives,
- Promote conservation strategies, and
- Showcase simple and effective solutions for increased water system sustainability;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to establish immediately the development of policy and procedures for a rainwater harvesting system rebate program for agricultural users, which includes both above ground (cistern) and in-ground systems province-wide.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM

R13 Review of Professional Reliance Model Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the provincial government is increasingly utilizing professional reliance regimes where industry proponents employ professionals to meet the public interest in natural resource management and environmental protection associated with their projects;

And whereas recent reports and audits suggest serious deficiencies in monitoring and compliance on the part of qualified professionals and a lack of oversight on the part of provincial regulating agencies:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province assess the effectiveness of current professional reliance regimes in order to reduce potential for conflicts of interest, ensure appropriate checks

and balances, improve environmental performance and restore government approval authority where necessary.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

HEALTH

R14 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants Central Coast RD

Whereas the BC Ministry of Health has undertaken operational reforms in an attempt to revitalize the primary care system, but communities across the province still experience physician shortages and other significant primary care challenges;

And whereas physician assistants (PAs) are qualified health professionals whose role is to provide a broad range of medical services under physician supervision; who are licensed to practice in many provinces across Canada, as well as in the Canadian Armed Forces; and who are recognized by the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants and the British Columbia Medical Association (Doctors of BC);

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM strongly encourage the provincial Ministry of Health to recognize and regulate physician assistants so that they may practice in BC, with establishment of an appropriate system for liability coverage, and regulatory oversight by an organization similar to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, as one of the steps toward meeting health care demands and alleviating physician shortages in all areas of the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- **CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM as this is the endorsed resolution put forward by CCRD to AVICC**

R15 New North Island Hospitals Parking Fees Strathcona RD, Village of Tahsis

Whereas the Minister of Health has advised that he is supporting the imposition of parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals in Campbell River and Courtenay,

And whereas our geographic service area is vast and requires many patients and families to travel hundreds of miles, across multiple ferries, etc.,

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC support the North Island in requesting that the Ministry of Health eliminate parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R16 National Pharmacare Program City of Victoria

Whereas the City of Victoria has been recognized and demonstrated its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and Canada is currently the only country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program, with over 3 million Canadians unable to afford the cost of medicines prescribed by doctors, and the risk of having no insurance for medicines particularly high among lower income Canadians, including many workers with precarious and seasonal employment;

And whereas research suggests that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system is sound policy, both economically and socially; would lower costs to

businesses by as much as \$8 billion per year, with a corresponding competitive advantage for Canadian companies; and could produce substantial cost savings for local government expenditures on employee benefits;

And whereas a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia work with all provinces and the federal government to develop and implement a national pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, to improve the health outcomes of citizens, ensure fairness in access to medicine, and provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in Canada's health care system.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R17 Medical Marijuana Retail Dispensaries Village of Cumberland

Whereas the federal Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulation authorizes Health Canada to approve access to marijuana for medical use to help treat the symptoms of certain medical conditions;

And whereas the legalization of storefront medical marijuana dispensaries and regulation by local governments would benefit local communities through legitimate contributions to economic development and vibrancy in commercial areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the federal Minister of Health and the Minister of Justice proceed with the legalization of medical marijuana dispensaries without delay.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R18 Island Corridor Foundation City of Langford, Capital RD

Whereas the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) was established in 2003 to oversee the management and operations of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) rail line which has a direct impact on many municipalities on Vancouver Island but these same municipalities have no direct representation on the ICF board;

And whereas although the rail service has not been operating for the past several years, and the services provided to municipalities along the corridor by the management of ICF have not met the standard expected, the costs to local governments to support the ICF continue to be significant:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC work with impacted local governments and the ICF board to conduct a financial and governance review of the Island Corridor Foundation.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

Part 2 - Section "B" - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with the UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that all the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for Part 2, Section "B" Resolutions be adopted, was endorsed.

LEGISLATIVE

R19 Establishing Local Public Notice Policies Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas newspaper closures in communities throughout British Columbia are affecting local governments' ability to publish mandatory public notification advertisements in local newspapers especially in regional districts which already have unique geographical challenges due to local newspaper circulation areas not aligning with regional district boundaries;

And whereas the *Municipalities Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan enables local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice that suits their communities;

Therefore be it resolved that both the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* be amended to replace the mandatory requirement to advertise in newspapers with the requirement for local governments to adopt a public notice policy based on local criteria that would enable local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice tailored to best serve their communities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20 No Forced Amalgamations District of Metchosin

Whereas local governments in Canada have traditionally been viewed as "creatures of the Province" and do not enjoy separate distinct legislative status, but rather are subject to the wishes and will of provincial authority;

And whereas In British Columbia, local governments enjoy the highest level of autonomy among Canada's local governments and the nation's most equitable relationship with provincial authority, as laid out in the *Community Charter*;

And whereas the practice of the current provincial government has been to recognize and respect the local autonomy of local governments over matters of local jurisdiction including on matters of local government amalgamation;

And whereas more specifically, Section 279 of the *Community Charter* titled "No Forced Amalgamations", legally ensures and reinforces that municipal autonomy is the highest value in the relationship with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC seek confirmation from the provincial government and all provincial political parties within the British Columbia legislature with respect to their position on maintaining and respecting Section 279 of the *Community Charter*.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R21 Reversal of Recent Amendments to RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program Town of View Royal

Whereas in January 2016 amendments to the RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program came into effect, including the immediate elimination of ride-alongs with RCMP members in police cars

and firearms familiarization training, as well as the review of duties that could eliminate auxiliary constable participation in special events and crowd/traffic control;

And whereas public safety is a critical objective of BC local governments, RCMP detachments and municipal police departments with auxiliary constables serving an important role in assisting and complementing an already overburdened police force in the provision of public safety programs and in the delivery of basic police services:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be requested to exert pressure on both the Government of Canada and the RCMP's "E" Division for the immediate reinstatement of the Auxiliary Constable Program in British Columbia to its pre-January 2016 role complete with the ride-along and firearms familiarization training programs as well as continued participation in special events and crowd or traffic control.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22 BC Child Protection Services City of Colwood

Whereas the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee has recommended improvements to the delivery of BC child protection services, and for the Province of BC to adhere to the principles enunciated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;

And whereas the Sooke School District (No. 62) has also called for these improvements and for the province to fully fund the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC government be asked to take action to improve the delivery of BC child protection services, fully fund the office of the BC Representative for Children and Youth, and follow the provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R23 Pedestrian/Cycling Pathways Along Rural Road Rights-Of-Way Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has formally recognized the importance of mobility alternatives in achieving transportation goals pertaining to reduced greenhouse-gas emissions and promotion of healthy lifestyles;

And whereas rural communities are experiencing growing populations that rely on road infrastructure not suited to mobility options:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to demonstrate the Province's commitment to mobility alternatives in rural areas by introducing regional government authority in the planning and development of regional off-road transportation networks and infrastructure within Ministry road rights-of-way.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- **CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM**

R24 Priority for Construction of Bicycle Lanes Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the provision of safe cycling infrastructure is a costly but critical component of improving transportation options;

And whereas the construction of bicycle lanes on provincial highways within regional districts would alleviate safety concerns for cyclists, support growth in bicycle tourism and promote alternative transportation options that would reduce local greenhouse gas emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government review the "BC on the Move Transportation Plan" to prioritize the construction of new bicycle lanes within regional districts limited by a single highway and where bicycle usage is a prominent form of transportation and economic driver for tourism.

- **CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM**

ENVIRONMENT

R25 Federal Government Cooperation for Oil Spill Response in BC Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has declared that Canada should become a world leader in marine spill prevention, preparedness and response and has stated its concern about the current level of marine protection and potential spill response available on Canada's West Coast;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is acting on the development and implementation of such protection and response but requires cooperation and support from the federal government in order to implement most of the recommendations it has identified to strengthen Canadian capacity for marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response on Canada's West Coast;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM support the Province of British Columbia's position with respect to the need for world-class marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, and lobby the federal government to support and co-operate with BC to the fullest extent, committing sufficient resources, to achieve the highest level of spill prevention, preparedness and response capacity on Canada's West Coast.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26 Assessment and Mitigation of Marine Shipping Risks and Impacts Islands Trust in the Salish Sea

Whereas numerous projects are proposed that would increase marine traffic and anchorage use in the confined waterways of the Salish Sea;

And whereas the Salish Sea is among the most productive marine ecosystems in the world, and presents challenging conditions for oil spill response:

Therefore be it resolved that Transport Canada assess the cumulative risks and impacts associated with projected vessel traffic increases in the Salish Sea and develop an innovative 20-year mitigation plan.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R27 Limit or Ban Burning on Forest Lands in Community Airsheds City of Port Alberni

Whereas data from the BC Ministries of Environment and Health indicate that seasonal air quality concerns from outdoor wood burning combined with common air 'inversion' events greatly impact the health of residents, and noting that municipalities and regional districts have taken strong measures to limit or ban outdoor burning by residents;

And whereas the BC *Wildfire Act* and *Environmental Management Act* permit the burning of woody debris ("slash") from forestry operations on private and Crown land within community airsheds that often contribute to poor seasonal air quality:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Ministry of Environment to bring forward new regulations to further limit or ban the burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community airsheds in order to ensure communities and industry are synchronized in working toward the same goal of a safe and healthy environment for all.

And be it further resolved that the Province encourage industry to chip wood debris for biofuel or sell it for heating homes in energy efficient woodstoves.

ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED

R28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags Cowichan Valley RD

Whereas the use of thin film plastic shopping bags continues to impose a variety of negative impacts on our natural and human environments;

And whereas bans have been proven in many countries to be the single most effective method of controlling the volume of plastic bags entering the waste stream and our environment: Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government enact legislation to prohibit the distribution of thin film plastic shopping bags by businesses.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM

R29 Climate Change Recommendations Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and local governments are seeking ways to strengthen their resiliency;

And whereas the provincial government has committed to developing a Climate Leadership Plan that supports mutually beneficial climate actions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be urged to implement all 32 policy action recommendations set out in the "Climate Leadership Team Recommendations to Government" report and work collaboratively with local governments in order to develop policies and programs to mitigate the impacts of climate change on BC communities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R30 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs District of Saanich

Whereas the November 2012 Transport Canada Study recommends the establishment of an inter-jurisdictional working group that would address and provide recommendations on issues related to abandoned and derelict vessels, including potential sources of funding to remove abandoned and derelict vessels;

And whereas the incidents of vessels left abandoned or derelict by owners through neglect or lack of financial resources to dispose of the vessel cause municipalities serious concerns for public safety and the potential harm to the environment and have significant financial impact to taxpayers for removal and cleanup:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC, UBCM and FCM urge the federal and provincial governments to proceed with recommendations of the 2012 Transport Canada Study to establish an "Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program" funded through reasonable fees

sourced from vessel purchases, registration, insurance and moorage, and that such funds be available for disposition costs;

And be it further resolved that the federal and provincial governments further establish an "End of Life" Vessel Disposal Program that is sustainable and protects the environment, including appropriate facilities and coordination with local landfills and private sector for proper disposal methods.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R31 Site C Dam Project District of North Saanich

Whereas the proposed 60 meter high dam project at Site C on the Peace River will flood over approximately 12,000 hectares of high quality agricultural land between Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope in creating an 83 kilometer long reservoir, while pre-empting the Agricultural Land Reserve status of the land;

And whereas the flooding will devastate a major portion of ungulate winter range, will impact migratory bird flyways, and will destroy a major heritage site and countless First Nations' burial grounds and hunting, gathering, and trapping areas on their recognized traditional territories: Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Government to call on BC Hydro and its contractors to immediately suspend all work until the project can be reviewed by the BC Utilities Commission and proceed through a public hearing and consultation process.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R32 Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme Town of Lake Cowichan

Whereas the smaller local governments are looking at ways and means of encouraging the revitalization of their downtowns through incentives that would encourage small businesses to undertake much needed improvements to building facades, signage and siding;

And whereas the Province had previously instituted a grant programme that provided financial assistance to businesses so they may undertake improvements through application to their respective local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be petitioned to re-implement the Business Improvement Grant Programme that will provide each local government an annual intake to a maximum of \$20,000 so local businesses may participate in a programme that would see the rejuvenation of business areas with the end goal of enhancing community appearance and pride which are integral to economic activity and growth.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R33 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC City of Victoria

Whereas British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory and technological barriers as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes and many others on a daily basis;

And whereas the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory, non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024" in 2014 with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024;

And whereas both the Province of Ontario and the Province of Manitoba have enacted disability legislation with the Province of Nova Scotia working toward the introduction and enactment of disability legislation in 2016:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC believe it is important to achieve a barrier-free province for all persons with disabilities and calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R34 Home Renovation Tax Credits District of Saanich

Whereas the Quebec government has recently announced a new tax credit to encourage home renovations, and the Official Community Plan of Saanich and of municipalities across British Columbia and Canada recognize the importance of home renovations, housing variety, affordability and adaptability in their communities' quality of life, health, sustainability and economy;

And whereas housing renovations are recognized to help seniors stay at home, help the special needs of a family member or convert a house to an intergenerational home, and create skilled employment for young people, and the use of refundable tax credits for renovations is known to boost energy efficiency, local economies and reduce off-permit renovations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the governments of the Province of British Columbia and Canada to create new tax credit programs for consumers to help encourage home renovations that focus on energy efficiency, improved mobility and aging in place projects, that are over \$1,000.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R35 Review of "Down-loaded" Building Codes District of Saanich

Whereas after much debate about the accuracy and effectiveness of the code revision process, under recent changes to the BC Building Code, national building regulations now apply to smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, while previously these regulations applied only to larger buildings;

And whereas the Victoria Residential Builders Association has expressed concern to local governments that applying additional new regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet will drive construction costs upwards, thereby triggering extinction of affordable housing for the average BC family;

And whereas the affordability of new housing, particularly work-force housing such as smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, is a key component to local government economic vibrancy and sustainability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to engage a qualified, independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the impacts on affordability, as well as on safety and energy efficiency, of applying future new national building regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report be received was endorsed.

AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE

LR1 Respect for Local Government City of Victoria

B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

- LR2 Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles Township of Esquimalt
- LR3 "Safe Soils" to Control the Spread of Invasive Species District of Highlands
- LR4 Basic Income Guarantee City of Victoria
- LR5 Eligibility Criteria for Community Gaming Grants Town of Ladysmith
- LR6 Commercial Herring Fishing – West Coast Herring Recovery Plan City of Powell River

RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled "Parental Rights for Elected Officials" distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

OF1 Parental Rights for Elected Officials District of Oak Bay

Whereas the BC Employment Standards Act guarantees the rights of parents to maternity and parental leave;

And whereas the Local Government Act and Community Charter fail to protect parental rights of local government elected officials, requiring council or regional district board approval of leave for elected officials who become parents;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the provincial government amend the Local Government Act and the Community Charter to guarantee maternity and parental leave for elected officials to be consistent with the Employment Standards Act provisions following the birth or adoption of a child;

And be it further resolved that the legislation be amended to permit the elected official to return to work on the same terms that were in place at the start of their leave, and that any changes in the elected official's appointments to committees, boards or commissions will not be made as a result of the maternity or parental leave.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

- CCRD may wish to comment on this motion for UBCM

Respectfully submitted



Darla Blake
Chief Administrative Officer



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: May 24, 2016

TO: Darla Blake, CAO

FROM: Donna Mikkelson, CFO

SUBJECT: Filing Under the Financial Information Act – SOFI 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) prepared by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to *Financial Information Act (FIA)* for the year ended December 31, 2015 be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Attached please find the 2015 Financial Reporting required under the *Financial Information Act* which requires the approval of the board of directors. Once approved, it will be attached to a cover letter for the Ministry and accompanied by the Financial Information Regulation (FIR), Schedule 1, Checklist and the 2015 audited financial statements. The report, statements and checklist comprise the complete package to be submitted to the Ministry.

Please note that the signatures of the CAO and the Board Chair are required.

Of significance to the readers of this report, are the criteria used in determining the specifics of what expenditures constitute remuneration and expenses reported. The Regulations for this reporting vary from what other authorities may deem to be remuneration or expenses. For clarity, the following table provides the specifics in this regard:

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SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Pursuant to the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, Section 6

Remuneration	Salary, hourly wages (pool) including stat holiday and vacation pay, overtime
	Cell Phone allowance
	Directors per diem
	Directors meeting remuneration
	Cariboo Regional District portion of benefits which are taxable to employees (Life insurance)
	Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums – taxable benefit
Expenses	Directors annual payment for printing supplies
	Directors monthly travel allowance
	Conventions & professional development conferences: accommodation, meals, airfares or other travel (per km), taxi fare, registration fees
NOT INCLUDED in above	Employers portion of Canada Pension Plan contributions (CPP) and Employment Insurance (EI) premiums
	Employers portion of Municipal Pension Plan (MPP) – taxable income in the future
	Cariboo Regional District benefits which are non taxable (extended health, dental , short and long term disability, health and AD&D)
	WorksafeBC premiums

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Mikkelson, CFO

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SCHEDULE SHOWING THE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF EACH EMPLOYEE

FIR Schedule 1, sections 6(2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)

1. Elected Officials, Employees appointed by Cabinet and Members of the Board of Directors

Name	Position	Remuneration	Expenses
McCullagh, Catherine	Director, Area A	4,075	2,458
Coutts, Clinton	Alternate Director, Area A	900	-
Moody-Humchitt, Reg	Board Chair, Area B	5,900	4,997
Sayers, Alison	Director, Area C	5,325	6,048
Krimmer, Alison	Alternate Director, Area C	-	-
Hall, Richard	Director, Area D	3,150	3,222
Hart, Randy	Alternate Director, Area D	600	-
Schooner, Sam	Director, Area E	3,225	1,830
Kirk, Courtney	Alternate Director, Area E	375	-
Total		\$23,550	\$18,555

**2. Other Employees (excluding those listed in Part 1 above)
 (List all employees, alphabetically, with remuneration and expenses exceeding \$75,000, excluding those listed in Section 1 above)**

Name	Position	Remuneration	Expenses
Blake, Darla	Chief Administrative Officer	118,427	6,477
McIlwain, Ken	Public Works Manager	84,689	10,075
Consolidated total of other employees with remuneration and expenses of \$75,000 or less	All	239,446	8,222
Total Other Employees		\$442,562	\$24,774

3. Reconciliation

Total remuneration – elected officials, employees appointed by Cabinet and members of the Board of Directors	42,105
Total remuneration – other employees	467,336
Sub Total	509,441
Reconciling Items	
- Employer share of Municipal Pension Plan, CPP, EI and WorksafeBC premiums and employee benefits not included in above, but included in financial statements	63,133
Total per Statement of Revenue and Expenditure (Dir Expense & Wages)	\$572,574

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STATEMENT OF SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS

Fir, schedule 1, subsection 6(7)

There were no severance agreements made between the Central Coast Regional District and its non-unionized employees for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(8)

SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

FIR, Schedule 1, section 5

The Central Coast Regional District has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation.

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SCHEDULE SHOWING PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS OR SERVICES

1. Alphabetical list of suppliers who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000

Supplier Name	Aggregate amount paid to supplier
CU Mastercard	39,877
Don Nygaard & Son Ltd	151,573
Kevin Matuga Contracting	49,206
Matthews Ent.	37,676
Mikk's Admin Services	57,613
Modpro Containers Ltd	36,288
Municipal Finance Authority	28,007
Municipal Insurance Association	25,984
Municipal Pension Plan	35,093
Vancouver Island Regional Library	49,672
Total Aggregate amount paid to suppliers (A)	\$510,989

2. Consolidated total paid to suppliers who received aggregate payments of \$25,000 or less

(B)	\$606,162
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3. Total of payments to suppliers for grants and contributions exceeding \$25,000

Consolidated total of grants exceeding \$25,000	0
Consolidated total of contributions exceeding \$25,000	0
Consolidated total of all grants and contributions exceeding \$25,000 (C)	\$ 0

4. Reconciliation

Total of aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000 paid to suppliers (A)	510,989
Consolidated total of payments of \$25,000 or less paid to suppliers (B)	606,162
Consolidated total of all grants and contributions exceeding \$25,000 (C)	0
Reconciling Items - (Wages and Related Costs)	572,574
- Amortization	119,865
- Apportioned administration	(168,356)
- Municipal Pension Plan recorded in (A)	(35,093)
- Capital items noted elsewhere on financial statements	(237,431)
- Gain on disposal of assets	(41,629)
- Transfer to Asset Replacement Fund	(28,332)
Total per Statement of Revenue and Expenditure	\$1,298,749

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned represents the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District and approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.

Chair Alison Sayers
June 09, 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned, as authorized by the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9(2), approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.



Donna Mikkelson
Officer Assigned Responsibility for
Financial Administration under the
Local Government Act.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT


The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information under the *Financial Information Act* have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or stated accounting principles, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all the statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Board of Directors is responsible to ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and exercises this responsibility through meetings with management and with the auditors.

The external auditors, PMT Chartered Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules and statements required by the Act. Their examination includes a review and evaluation of the regional district's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The auditors have full and free access to the Board of Directors and meet annually.

On behalf of the CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



Donna Mikkelson, CFO
Officer Assigned Responsibility for
Financial Administration



Darla Blake, CAO
Officer Assigned Responsibility for
Corporate Administration



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 19, 2016

ATTENTION

The EDAC minutes are draft and subject to amendment. Final approval and adoption by the EDAC will follow a resolution to receive the minutes by the CCRD Board of Directors, at their next scheduled meeting.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2016

In Attendance: Ernest Hall (Community) - Acting Chair
Lori Campbell (Community)
Wilma Hallam (Community)
Tanis Shedden (CEDO) – Recording secretary

Apologies: Garrett Newkirk (Harbour), Chris Quinn (Community), Director Sam Schooner (CCRD), Ana Santos (Denny Island)

Absent: Tracy Switzer (Ocean Falls), Keith Hamilton (NNDC)

No members of the public attended

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ernest Hall accepted the nomination to be acting chair.

EDAC 16-05-01 M/S Campbell/Hallam that E. Hall assume the position of acting chair. **CARRIED**

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

3. Adoption of Agenda

EDAC 16-05-02 M/S Hallam/Campbell that the agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Minutes

Secretarial changes to the in attendance/apologies/absent to be addressed by the CEDO.

EDAC 16-05-03 M/S Campbell/Hallam that the EDAC Meeting Minutes dated March 31, 2016 be adopted. **CARRIED**

5. Community Economic Development Delivery Plan

- (a) Inclusion of Grant Writing Support application.
- (b) Development of goals.

Discussed as a block.

Incorporating and budgeting for a grant writer position in the CCRD using the NDIR Grant Writing Support funding was supported as a great idea.

Questions that arose during discussion:

Who can apply to use the grant writer?

The CEDO suggested that the position be tied to the other goals identified in the CEDDP (or Community Economic Development Operating Plan). The grant writer would not necessarily be available to groups by application, but through an engagement process.

Who can apply for the grant writer position?

The CEDO suggested that as the position would be a contractor of the CCRD that the hiring practices would have to follow CCRD hiring policy. However, further research into the structure of filling the position will need to be explored.

The EDAC proceeded to discuss organizations that have been identified or groups that should be approached in the development of the CEDDP 2017. The CEDO suggested that the EDAC recommend a group that they would like to see incorporated in the 2017 plan. The CEDO can engage with the group and work to identify and develop a single strategic goal that the CCRD CEDDP can support via the grant writer or a one-time financial contribution to be leveraged for additional grants or used for the completion of individual projects. This is an opportunity to explore the 'Contribution Agreements" that have been discussed previously with the EDAC.

EDAC 16-05-04 M/S Hall/Campbell that the EDAC advise that the CCRD pursue grant funding for a contract grant writer to be used to support the implementation of the projects and organizational goals identified in the Community Economic Development Delivery Plan 2017.

CARRIED

EDAC 16-05-05 M/S Hall/Campbell that the CEDO approach Bella Coola Valley Tourism and the Harbour Authority to assist in the identification of an organizational goal that can be incorporated in the CEDDP 2017.

CARRIED

6. Discussion

(a) Fall town-site clean-up fund

Lori Campbell suggested that we tie in a town site clean-up with a volunteer BBQ in September at the Learning Centre. It can be structured as an event. It could be an opportunity for local groups to fundraise and we can bring local non-profit societies and organizations together to celebrate the many volunteers that contribute so much to the community.

(b) Love Central Coast BC Launch Event

Love Central Coast BC will be at the Bella Coola Music Festival this year at a cost of \$125. The CEDO is working on sourcing a tent with Love Central Coast BC branding to be used at events such as this. It is an opportunity for the many hidden treasures of the Central Coast to be represented at the community events.

Ernest Hall suggested that reminders about the program and what the benefits are be sent out with some pictures and stories of participating local people and businesses.

It was suggested that the Love Central Coast BC Launch party may be used as an avenue to structure the volunteer/town site clean-up event in September. Volunteer week is in September and it would be possible to structure these events and opportunities together. This may work to maximize the potential and participation.

EDAC 16-05-06 M/S Campbell/Hallam that CEDO explore this Launch/Volunteer celebration event and report back at the July EDAC meeting.

CARRIED

7. Information

(a) Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training

The Bella Coola and Outer Coast representatives from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training will be in the Bella Coola Valley at the end of the month. The CEDO advised that if there are questions or topics that the EDAC would like discussed that those can be e-mailed to her and she would be happy to connect people.

(b) Community Reports

The CEDO gave a report on Denny Island based on communications with Ana Santos. The report highlighted the following:

- At the end of April DICDA submitted a grant application to the Small Communities Fund for a baler and a community composter.
- Denny Island community is organizing the annual clean-up event for the weekend of June 5th.
- They are planning the gazebo construction at the community garden (behind the Community Centre)
- The Chamber of Commerce are exploring ways to help the business community. An example is how to gain publicity online. They are looking to produce a short newsletter that would come out every so often.

8. Adjournment

The next scheduled EDAC meeting is July 21, 2016 at 7 pm at the CCRD board room.

EDAC 16-03-04 M/S Hallam/Campbell that the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

CARRIED



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: June 2, 2016
TO: Darla Blake, CAO
CC: Chair Alison Sayers and Directors
FROM: Tanis Shedden, Community Economic Development Officer
SUBJECT: Community Economic Development Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Economic Development Report dated June 2, 2016 be received.

THAT an application be made to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Writer Support program for the November 2016 intake.

GRANT WRITER SUPPORT

BACKGROUND

The EDAC is assembling content for a Community Economic Development Delivery Plan. The committee is working to create a support system for local organizations, societies, and community groups to meet their strategic goals. This support will be structured as small contributions and may include access to a grant writer for pre-identified projects.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within current approved budget: Yes
Requires further budget considerations: No

Through the Grant Writer Support program Northern Development Initiative Trust will fund up to \$8,000 (76% of the position costs) for a grant writer position. \$2,500 has been budgeted for this contract position. This creates a \$10,500 position.

DISCUSSION

This position will be structured as a contract position.

The Grant Writer Support program through Northern Development Initiative Trust funds a 400 hour position (at a minimum). Over the course of the contract, a minimum of \$200,000 worth of grants must be applied for in the approved calendar year.

The projects that the grant writer will be working on will be identified in the Community Economic Development Delivery Plan.

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AUDIO RECORDINGS OF BOARD MEETINGS

Audio recordings of board meetings, to enable access to CCRD residents with geographical barriers to attendance, will be made available via the Central Coast Regional District soundcloud account.

The recordings of each meeting will be on the account for three months after the date of the recording. The CEDO will track the usage of the account to establish a baseline for use patterns and report back to the board twice a year.

WORKSHOPS – JILLENM CONSULTING

The CEDO has been working with the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society to bring Jilleniun Consulting to the Bella Coola Valley to host two Farm Enterprise Workshops. Jillian Merrick will be in Bella Coola June 8 and 9. An application was submitted to and approved by the BC Farm Business Speaker Program to support these workshops.

The workshops are as follows:

Wednesday, June 8 7 pm C.E. Centre (basement of United Church, downtown Bella Coola)
 The Cost of a Dozen Eggs- A cost of production analysis is essential to all financially sustainable farm enterprises. With Jillian's help, you'll find that complex number-crunching is really not so hard! Farmers, hobbyists and consumers will all enjoy this presentation as all will benefit from learning the true cost of their food.

Thursday, June 9 7 pm C.E. Centre (basement of United Church, downtown Bella Coola)
 The 30-Minute Marketing Plan- We know marketing is important. Sales are the only way to bring profit into a business, but how can you drive a solid sales and marketing strategy with limited time and money? Join farm business coach Jillian Merrick as she helps you prepare a marketing strategy in under 30 minutes. Learn how small changes can make a big difference. Discover the advantages small farms have in a world of mega marketing campaigns. Love Central Coast BC will be there to provide information about how they can help!



The initial launch of Love Central Coast BC is scheduled to be at the Bella Coola Music Festival. This puts the soft-launch (website being active) at July 16th, a week prior to festivities.

Love Central Coast BC will be at the Bella Coola Music Festival, hopefully under the new Love Central Coast BC tent with branded re-useable bags, stickers, etc. Participating businesses

have been requested to contact the CEDO if they would like anything incorporated in the swag bags. BCVT has also been approached to gauge their level of interest in participating.

The EDAC has suggested that the CEDO explore structuring a Love Central Coast BC celebration in September in Bella Coola. This has initially been positioned in connection with celebrating our local volunteers at the Career Centre.

The advertising plan for Love Central Coast BC is to use Coast Mountain News, SOAR magazine, BC Ferries, VIB's in Williams Lake and Port Hardy, etc. to help promote the website and all the local businesses that make the Central Coast region unique. Larger regional/provincial marketing of the program is handled by Northern Development Initiative Trust.

MINISTRY OF JOBS, TOURISM, AND SKILLS TRAINING

Two representatives from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training were in the Bella Coola Valley from May 31- June 3. They were able to connect with the following organizations, as well as many other people:

Bella Coola Resource Society – Mt. Bike Trails Development
 Central Coast Communications Society – Maker Space
 Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society – Bella Coola Night Markets/Agriculture Development Opportunities
 Bella Coola Valley Learning Society (Career Centre)/BCVT – Development of Initiatives/EDAC alignment
 Tim De Grace – Business Development initiative

The CCRD was able to connect with Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training as well to discuss and highlight opportunities and initiatives that are currently being pursued and happening across the region.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS DEVELOPMENT – BELLA COOLA VALLEY

On Wednesday, June 1 the Bella Coola Trails Alliance (Bella Coola Resource Society sub-committee) held a gathering to open the dialogue with regards to developing outdoor recreation opportunities in the Bella Coola Valley. The conversation was largely about Mountain Bike Trails Development.

The Partnership agreement that was signed between the Bella Coola Resource Society and Recreation Sites and Trails BC has signaled to the Province that there is serious interest and intent to pursue the development of legally established outdoor recreation opportunities in the Bella Coola Valley.

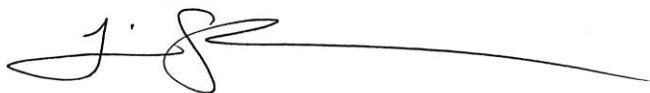
The Bella Coola Trails Alliance (BCTA) is aiming to put an application in to the BC Rural Dividend October intake.

The CCRD can support this initiative in a number of ways, which include (but are not limited to):

1. Providing letters of support to the BCTA for grant applications.
2. Communicating and connecting the group's interests with Vancouver Coastal Health as the CCRD works to establish the regional healthy communities' partnership agreement.
3. Inviting the BCRS to work with the CEDO and EDAC to find alignment opportunities with the Community Economic Development Deliver Plan 2017.
4. Explore lobbying opportunities to bring to UBCM with regards to forest service roads and their link to our communities social and economic well-being.
5. Can work to connect BCTA with the Bella Coola Career Centre in an effort to create the development of a Jobs Creation Partnership with regards to the implementation of the proposed Mt. Bike Trails Plan.

Thank you Director Schooner for taking the time to attend the meeting. Your presence at the table was greatly appreciated and added immense value to the conversation.

Respectfully submitted



Tanis Shedden
Community Economic Development Officer