



**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

DATE: 05 May 2016  
TO: Board Chair Alison Sayers and Board Members  
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer, Darla Blake  
SUBJECT: AVICC 2016 Resolutions Report

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the AVICC 2016 Resolutions be received.**

**COMMENT:**

The AVICC conference was held in Nanaimo, April 8-10, 2016. The final Resolutions from the conference are now attached for the Board's information.

Respectfully submitted

Darla Blake  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

Board Meeting  
MAY 12 2016  
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## 2016 AVICC RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

### AVICC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

#### 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.

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**

#### 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**

### 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**

### 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***

**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**

### 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***

### **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***

**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.

## 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 in the Salish Sea**

**Islands Trust**

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 air-sheds 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 air-sheds 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***

**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***



# CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: May 5, 2016

TO: Darla Blake, CAO

FROM: Tanis Shedden, Community Economic Development Officer

SUBJECT: Community Economic Development Report

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Community Economic Development Report dated May 5, 2016 be received.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Love Northern BC Conference provided education and support for how to leverage the Love Central Coast BC platform for the benefit of the regionally locally owned businesses.

The Simon Fraser University Community Economic Development Certificate program wrapped up over May 2 – May 6 in Vancouver.

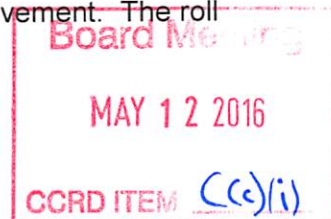
Bella Coola town site businesses met April 28 to discuss options for cleaning up garbage on roads and in alleys.

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There are 25 businesses registered to date. This is a great starting point and it is amazing to read the many unique stories and people who call the CCRD home. Please continue to spread the news about the platform as it is a community asset that is has the potential to be used as a maintained business listing of local businesses, artists, crafters, etc.

There is a significant rebranding effort going on with the Love Northern BC movement. The roll out for these changes will not occur before the launch this summer.





The CEDO will be managing the Facebook page "Love Central Coast BC" and is being provided with education and social media training to ensure this platform supports the local economy as much as possible.

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION**

The CEDO wrapped up the 8-month intensive certification program in Vancouver. It was a program that provided extensive education surrounding how to structure and empower communities to embrace community economic development principles. The connections and community economic development network that was gained over the course of months have and will continue to be a source of resources and inspiration.

The final week had students pitching projects and developing structures that produce community level change. The CEDO pitched a food storage incubator project that was tied to the proposed Wednesday night markets in Bella Coola. It was designed to demonstrate demand and create opportunities for community dialogue throughout the Bella Coola Valley. The pitch was also structured to be mobile and to work such that the need for the storage could be transitioned in the long-term to be used as a regional asset (as a mobile unit to outer coast communities).

There are five key aspects to Community Economic Development that start with each individual. The CCRD can work to ensure that the implementation of policies are enabling sustainability, community control, participation, needs based asset development, and self-reliance.

**BELLA COOLA CLEAN-UP**

Bella Coola businesses expressed a desire to see two town-site clean-ups annually, one in the summer before tourist season and a second in the fall. The staff participating in an Earth Day lunch hour clean-up is a great start and it would be encouraging to discuss and determine other means to assist our community achieve these goals.

The CCRD's community level involvement in two annual town site clean-ups will be brainstormed at the next EDAC meeting. Youth involvement and education regarding the landfill will likely be worked into the equation.

Respectfully submitted

Tanis Shedden  
**Community Economic Development Officer**



**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

TO: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer  
 FROM: Cheryl Waugh, Transportation and Land Use Coordinator  
 DATE: May 5, 2016  
 SUBJECT: Land Use Planning Report

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Land Use Planning Report dated May 5, 2016 be received.
2. That an application be submitted to the BC Rural Dividend Program for \$10,000 prior to the May 31, 2016 intake for a Situational Analysis and Needs Assessment in support of the Official Community Plan review.

	Zoning	Subdivision	Maps & Plans	Other Related* (specify)	Land Referrals & Updates
<b>Number of Enquiries</b>	3		2	5	2
<b>Method of Inquiry</b>					
<b>Email/I-Net</b>			1	4	
<b>Phone</b>	2		1		
<b>In-Person</b>	1			1	
<b>Hard Copy</b>					2
<b>Number of Applications</b>	1	0			

**Zoning**

-An application was received to rezone a Highway 20 property from R-1, Large Holdings, to C-1, General Commercial. A report will be prepared for the June 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

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-Local realtor enquired about zoning for a Highway 20 property and access to the survey plan. The plan was on file and was emailed to her.

-A prospective property buyer from Saskatchewan enquired about permitted uses for land zoned Agricultural and in the ALR. General information was provided per the CCRD's zoning bylaw and the caller was also referred to the Agricultural Land Commission.

**Subdivision** N/A

### **Maps & Plans**

-Assisted with an enquiry to identify on which lot a townsite restaurant is located.

-The BC Rural Dividend Program supports projects which strengthen community resilience and support social, cultural and economic viability. Project development funding can provide up to \$10,000 at 100% funding. The CCRD has been unable to source funding to obtain professional consultation to begin the project development phase of the Official Community Plan review.

***Recommendation 2.** That an application be submitted to the BC Rural Dividend Program for \$10,000 prior to the May 31, 2016 intake for a Situational Analysis and Needs Assessment in support of the Official Community Plan review.*

### **Other Related\***

-The Integrated Cadastral Information Society provided a webinar to introduce the geo-coder system via *GeoShare*. This is a central reference data set for address storage attached to *AddressBC*. *AddressBC* is a central authoritative, accurate and accessible point-based civic address registry for BC.

Many public services and businesses rely on accurate location of civic addresses. Particularly in rural areas, a point address can locate the precise location of a property, building or access point. Local governments in BC currently create and distribute addresses to many users. A central source makes sure users can retrieve address points and locations quickly and accurately. *AddressBC* improves access to address locations for a variety of applications including customer service and emergency planning. Local governments benefit through improved and simplified communication of address changes to users and access to a robust data model for civic addressing.

The CCRD will be submitting valley address data to the ICI Society via *GeoShare*, which is a scheduled, automated service used for weekly updates to *AddressBC*. Address information is accessible in a geospatial format which allows for updates and editing.

-Received, filed and distributed BC Assessment property sales data report for March, 2016.

-A BC Hydro designer requested confirmation of a civic address on Denny Island. The CCRD does not administer an address system for that area and did not provide confirmation.

-Land Title & Survey Authority notice of application for registration of a townsite property as joint tenancy.

-The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure visited Denny Island this week to assess road conditions. Road work and repairs will be undertaken and completed by the end of summer 2016.

**Land Referrals/Updates**

-Western Forest Products, Spiller Inlet, licence issued for 10 years for log handling, log dump/storage/booming, heli-drop zones, etc.

-Totem Construction Materials Supplies (Canada) Ltd., North Bentinck Arm, notice from the Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations of cancellation of licence for tug mooring, crew boats and float camps due to failure to comply with terms of the agreement.

*Cheryl Waugh*

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Transportation and Land Use Coordinator



Central Coast Regional District

TO: Darla Blake – Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Cheryl Waugh – Transportation & Land Use Coordinator

DATE: May 3, 2016

SUBJECT: Highway 20 Property – Proposed Park

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot A, Plan VIP3795, District Lot 3, Range 3,  
Coast Range 3 Land District

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**Summary**

As requested, a report is hereby provided on the property located at 151 Highway 20 previously owned by Mr. Robert Fryer and now for sale via the Multiple Listing Service.

Three emails have been received encouraging the CCRD to enter into discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to acquire the property for the purposes of a regional day-use park.

**Background**

Several years ago Mr. Fryer passed away and the property is now owned by his daughter, Ms. Nadia Gemeinhardt.

The property is located west of Bella Coola townsite on the south side of Highway 20 across from the estuary. The one acre lot has a scenic view of the estuary, inlet and mountains and there is a waterfall immediately adjacent to the east, although this is not attached to the property.

There has been interest in the past from Bella Coola Valley Tourism (BCVT) to see this property used as a scenic pullout, public park or similar for community use and more particularly as a tourist stop of interest/information. In 2012 a representative from BCVT approached the owner to discuss this possibility but she was not entertaining any such use for the land at that time.

There is a restrictive covenant on the property with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) due to a hazard identified that affects the southwest portion of the parcel. The hazard identified is that of an avalanche path and the covenant prohibits permanent buildings or structures within the danger area.

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Recently, the property was listed for sale with a realty company and there has been renewed interest from members of the public in seeing the land developed as a regional day-use community park. The CCRD received separate email correspondence from Mr. Kevin O'Neill, Ms. Christine Hyde and Mr. Ernest Hall, representing Bella Coola Valley Tourism, all encouraging the Regional District to pursue options for acquisition of the land.

The property is listed with a realtor for \$200,000 and the Actual Value noted by BC Assessment is \$33,500; \$13,800 for land and \$19,700 for buildings.

#### **Location and Size of Subject Property**

The entire parcel is 1 acre, located at 151 Highway 20, approximately 1.5 kilometres east of the Bella Coola Harbour.

#### **Existing Buildings**

A registered mobile home is located at the southeast corner of the property and appears derelict from the outside. There are several outbuildings scattered on the remainder of the property which look structurally questionable, along with sundry debris and overgrown vegetation.

#### **Site Access**

Access onto the property is from Highway 20 via a short circular driveway. The property is mostly level as it parallels the highway and can be accessed along its length.

#### **Surrounding Land Uses**

The south, west and east adjoining properties are zoned R-1(Large Holdings) and are vacant. The estuary to the north was privately owned and in 2008 was established as the Bella Coola Estuary Conservancy in association with the Province.

#### **Hazard Lands**

The southwest portion of the property is located in an avalanche zone with extreme upland slope and a bench to the south. The avalanche zone continues to the west for approximately 1 kilometre. There are no hazards noted for the remainder of the property or for adjacent lands to the east and north, other than the runout zone of the avalanche path.

In 1996 a hazard assessment was provided on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The assessment results recommended the building (mobile home) be moved outside the hazard area for the 200 year avalanche return period. It was also recommended no structures be built in the hazard area after the original building was moved. The mobile home was subsequently moved to its present location.

In 1996 a restrictive covenant between the property owner and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways was registered, accompanied by an explanatory plan of the danger zone. The covenant, in part, states: '*....there is a potential avalanche danger to specific and certain portion of the Land.....Hereafter, no improvement or permanent*

*structure of any kind or nature whatsoever will be built, constructed, installed or placed on any part of the 'Danger Area' as defined.....'*

**Official Community Plan (OCP) – Land Use Map**

The OCP land use map indicates the property is outside of the Primary Settlement Area (development core) and is designated Rural.

**Zoning Bylaw**

The subject property is currently zoned R-1 (Large Holdings), which allows for several uses: agricultural, forestry, silviculture, residential camp, campground use, single family dwelling, home occupation and accessory buildings and uses.

Use as a community park or similar is considered a civic use, is permitted in any zone and does not have a minimum lot size.

**Funding**

Funds for park acquisition are usually obtained through land use planning initiatives, such as rezoning or subdivision, where developers contribute.

Land acquisition is an ineligible expenditure under the Community Works Fund.

Referendum with a loan authorization bylaw could be an option allowing ratepayers the decision to acquire the land, however, this process represents a considerable expense for the Regional District to execute.

The CCRD's Chief Financial Officer is not aware of any funding currently available for the purchase of land.

**Conclusions**

The subject property could be restored to a usable state and therefore be considered viable and of some value to a purchaser, although the real estate listing indicates there is no water supply and no sanitary sewer. The exception to fully reinstating the property would be the development prohibitions as stated in the restrictive covenant that runs with the land.

Considerable effort and expense would be required to remove and dispose of existing buildings and debris in order to make the property presentable/usable. Potential use as a park would also present a level of planning and design work in advance of installation/operation. No rezoning would be necessary for park use.

If the Board wishes to consider direct acquisition of the subject property it is clear no funding is immediately attainable and alternatives would need to be pursued.



**Recommendations**

The following alternative actions may be considered by the Board of Directors:

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1. Approach the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to gauge its interest in purchasing the property and developing it for park use.
  2. Request the vendor donate the property to the CCRD.
  3. Go to referendum with a loan authorization bylaw.
  4. Take no action at this time.

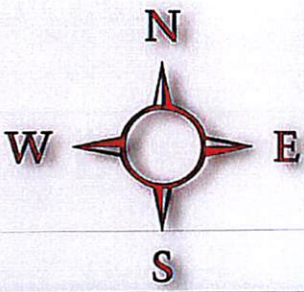


Cheryl Waugh  
Transportation and Land Use Coordinator

Attachments *Aerial Photo/Site Map/Explanatory Plan//4 Property Photos*

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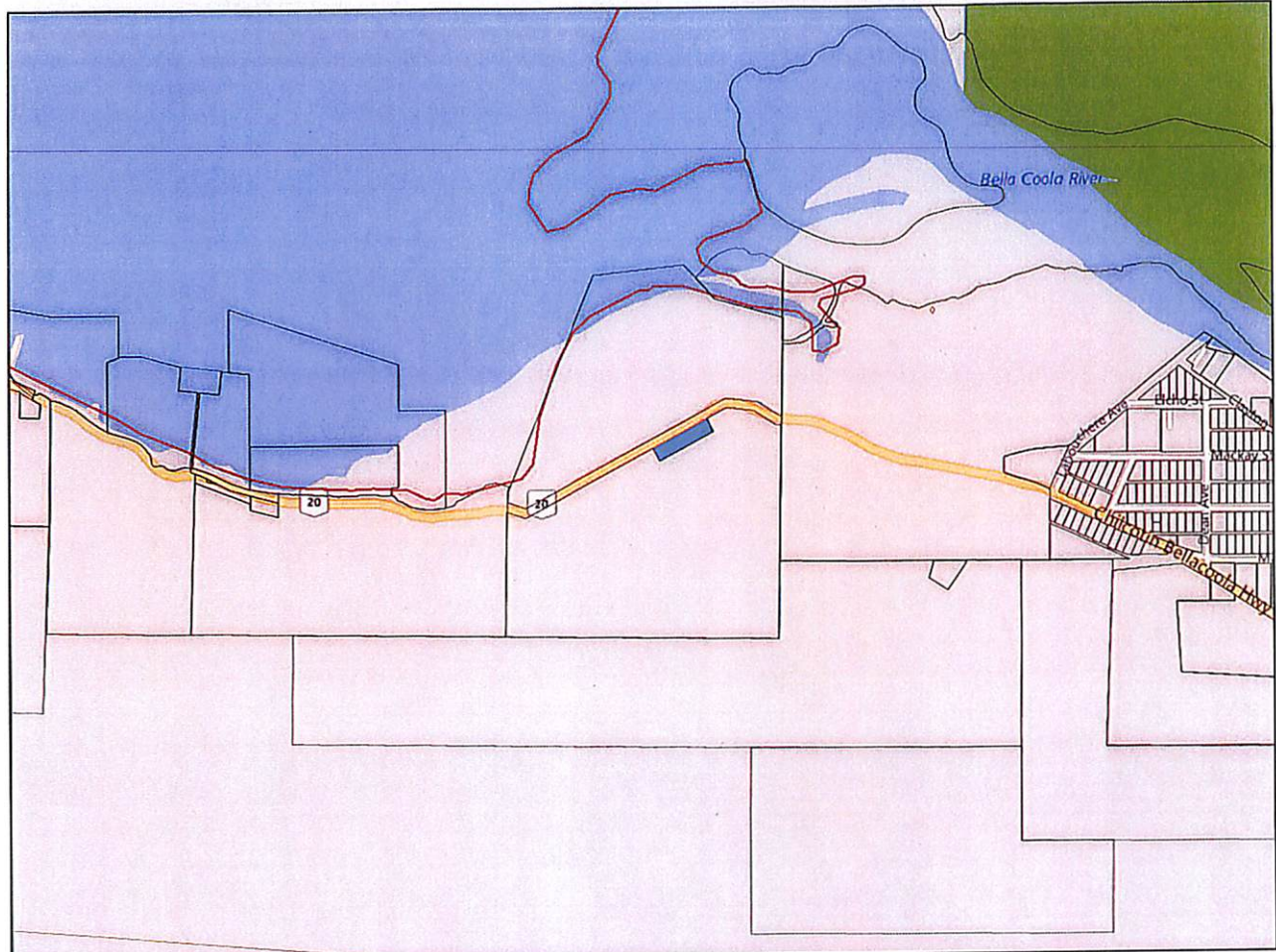
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# 151 Hwy 20 - One Acre

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Subject Property in Turquoise



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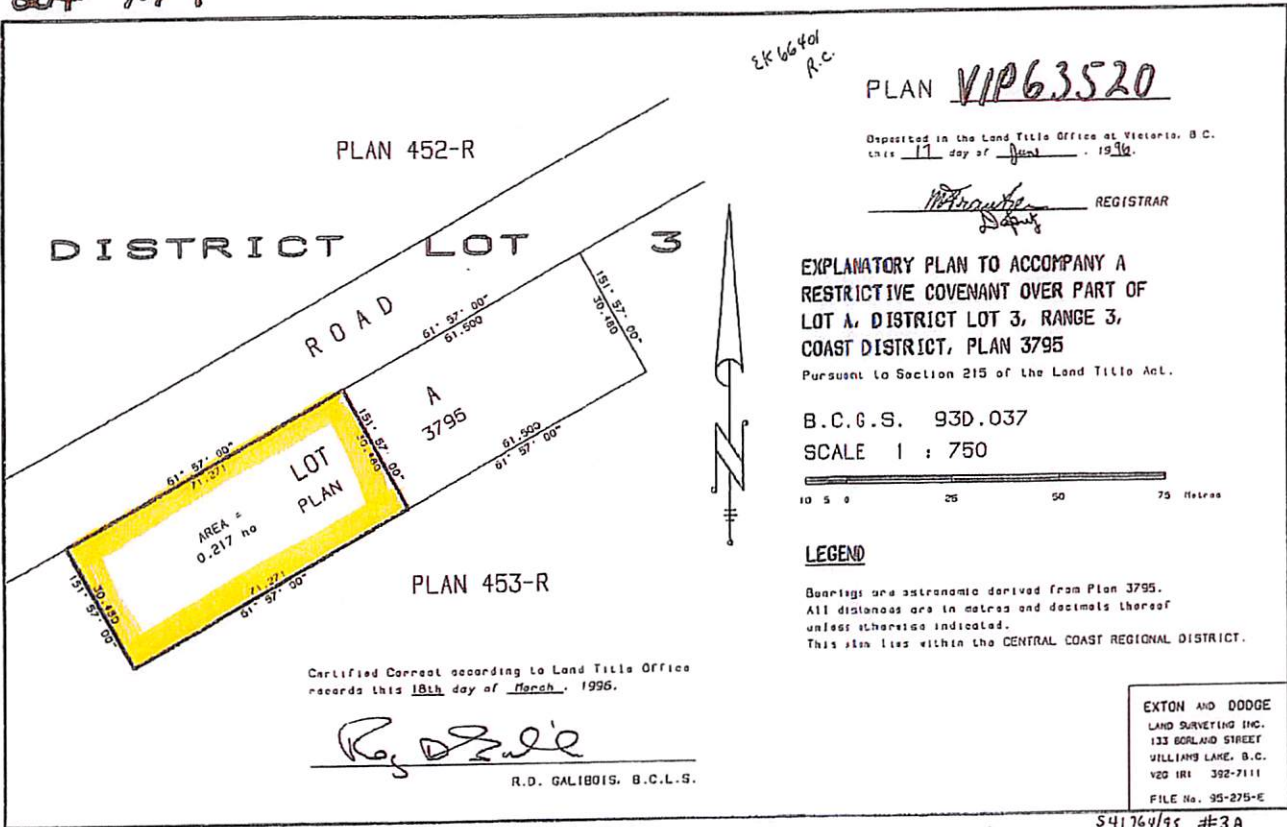
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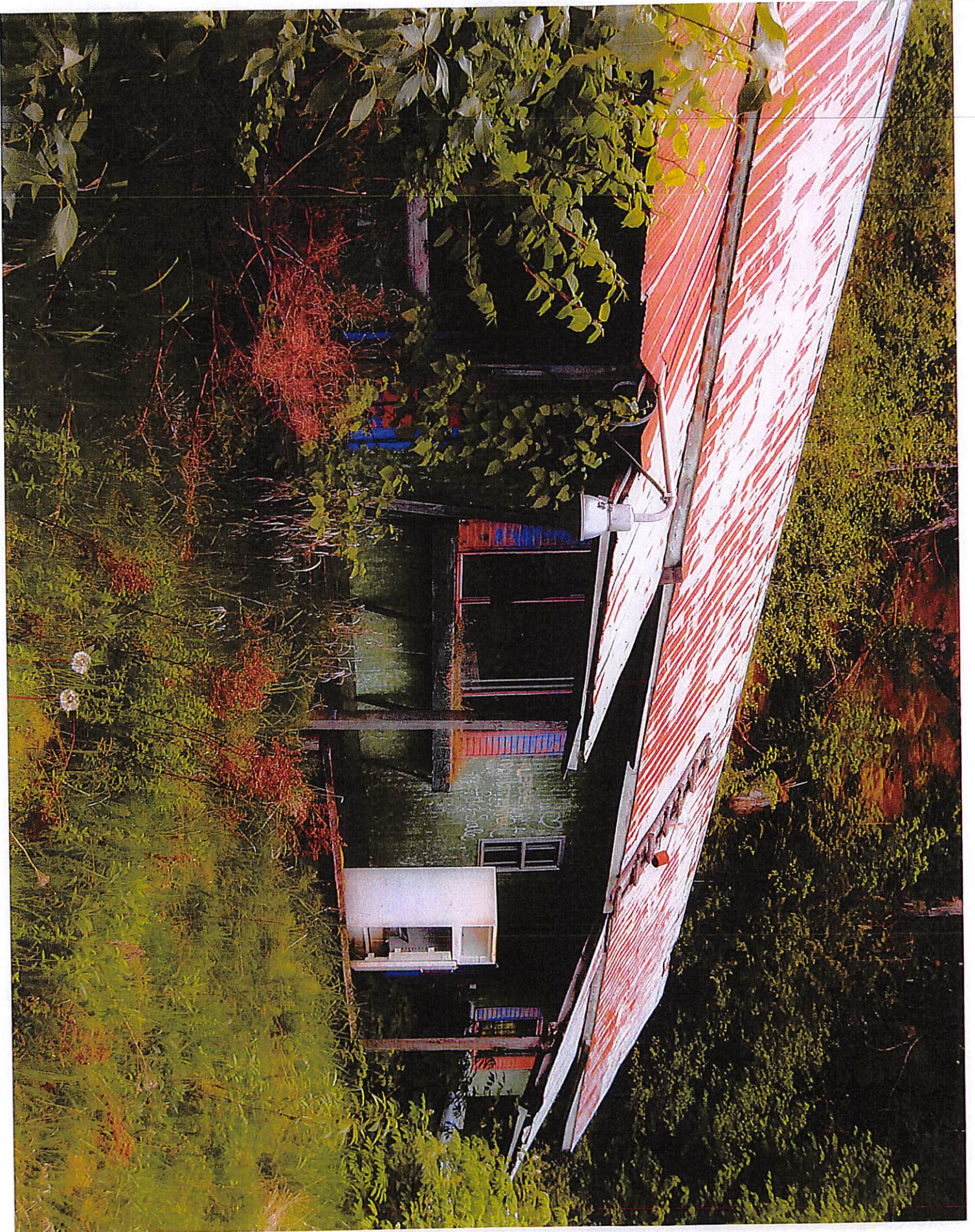
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