



March 20, 2020

City of Nanaimo – Mayor and Council  
455 Wallace Street  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Dear Mayor Krog and Council,

**Re: AVICC Convention**

As President of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, I am writing to invite the City of Nanaimo to reschedule its hosting of the AVICC Convention from 2020 to 2021.

The City of Nanaimo originally put forward a proposal in 2018 to host the 2020 AVICC Convention at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. The AVICC Executive enthusiastically supported the proposal, and awarded the 2020 event to the City. In 2019, the Regional District of Nanaimo offered to partner with the City as a joint host. This partnership was supported by the City and the AVICC Executive.

The City and RDN have been excellent and supportive partners, and a great deal of work had gone into preparing for the Convention by both your staff and elected officials. Then COVID-19 began to impact our communities, and concern about mass gatherings led to the AVICC Executive's decision to cancel the 2020 Convention.

Our members have always enjoyed meeting in Nanaimo, and we hope that the City will resolve to host the AVICC Convention in 2021 based on the 2020 proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Carl Jensen,  
President, AVICC

cc: Chair Ian Thorpe and Board, Regional District of Nanaimo