

DATE OF MEETING February 8, 2021

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SUBJECT **2021 ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL
COMMUNITIES RESOLUTIONS**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To request that Governance and Priorities Committee members identify topics and forward draft resolutions and backgrounders to Staff to compile and bring to the meeting to be workshopped, prior to approval by Council and submission to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2021 Annual General Meeting and Convention.

Recommendation

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council submit resolutions and backgrounders to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for consideration at the 2021 Annual General Meeting and Convention.

BACKGROUND

Annually the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) requests resolutions from member municipalities for consideration at their convention. The 2021 convention is expected to be a virtual event. At the convention, resolution sponsors should be prepared to speak to their resolutions. Resolutions for submission must be endorsed by Council and must include an explanatory backgrounder. Resolutions endorsed by AVICC are automatically submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration. The deadline for submitting resolutions to AVICC is Friday, February 26, 2021.

DISCUSSION

Resolution topics should have a region wide focus and be relevant to other local governments within the AVICC. Resolutions should address one specific issue and contain accurate legislative references. Staff recommend that Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) members draft resolutions and backgrounders and forward them to Legislative.Servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021 so they can be compiled and brought to the meeting to be discussed and considered.

At the meeting, with staff's guidance, the GPC will review each resolution and backgrounder. Once the GPC is satisfied with the content of the resolutions and backgrounders, they should be forwarded, via motion, to the February 22nd Council meeting to be considered by Council prior to

submission to AVICC. Specific resolution and backgrounder guidelines and language is outlined in Attachment A. |

OPTIONS

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council submit resolutions and backgrounders to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2021 Annual General Meeting and Convention.

- The advantages of this option: Draft resolutions will be based on topics important to the GPC and reviewed by members in a workshop setting.
 - The disadvantages of this option: The GPC may want Staff to draft resolutions and backgrounders.
 - Financial Implications: None identified at this time.
2. That the Governance and Priorities Committee direct Staff to draft resolutions and backgrounders for Council approval.
- The advantages of this option: Staff will use their knowledge to prepare draft resolutions and backgrounders once topics are identified.
 - The disadvantages of this option: Resolutions are due February 26th; therefore, Staff would return to the February 22nd Council meeting with drafted resolutions and backgrounders for approval and submission to AVICC. There is limited time to make changes to documents if they are not to Council's satisfaction at the February 22nd Council meeting.
 - Financial Implications: None identified at this time. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- Governance and Priorities Committee members are requested to identify topics, draft resolutions and backgrounders and forward them to Legislative.Servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021 in order for Staff to compile them and bring them to the February 8, 2021 GPC meeting to be reviewed in a workshop setting.
- Resolutions and backgrounders approved by the GPC will be forwarded to Council for approval, prior to submission to the AVICC 2021 Annual General Meeting and Convention.
- The deadline for submissions to AVICC is February 26, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Correspondence from AVICC re: Resolutions Notice Request for Submissions
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