



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 3, 2025**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** Feb 12, 2025
From: Mayor Alto
Subject: City of Victoria to Host AVICC in 2026

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide information and seek Council’s approval to host the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) AGM and Convention, April 24-26, 2026 at the Victoria Conference Centre.

The AVICC is the longest established area association under the umbrella of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). The Association deals with issues and concerns that affect all communities in its jurisdiction from larger urban areas to small rural communities. AVICC now has a membership of 51 municipalities and regional districts, including the City of Victoria.

Hosting the annual AGM and convention will provide an opportunity for Victoria City councillors to attend without having to travel and will also showcase Victoria to numerous other local governments on Vancouver Island. As 2026 conference hosts, the City of Victoria would be responsible for the provision of meeting facilities and some of the services for the expected 300 delegates.

In 2024, AVICC organizers decided the AGM and Convention would be held in Victoria every two years going forward. As a result, to support the hosting responsibilities, in 2024 the Mayor invited other Greater Victoria Municipalities to become a conference partner host and provide a cash contribution of up to \$500 towards the cost of services, and study tour ideas or workshops. For 2026, the AVICC President has offered to send this invitation.

COST BREAKDOWN

- VCC Rental for 4 days provided in-kind - \$28,000
- Cash contribution to support gift, entertainment, décor - \$1000

RATIONALE FOR SAME DAY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The convention is a year out and the organizers need to know the City’s support is confirmed to begin finalizing details and to request additional sponsorship if required.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the City as host of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) AGM and Convention in 2026.
2. Approve an in-kind contribution of up to \$28,000.00 for room rental at the Victoria Conference Centre;
3. Approve a cash contribution of up to \$1000.00; and
4. Should Council approve this recommendation at Committee of the Whole, the matter be forwarded for consideration at the daytime Council meeting of April 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Alto