



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2018**

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**Date:** February 6, 2018

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** Resolution: Protecting Coastal Communities and Waterways from Oil Spills

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**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Protecting Coastal Communities and Waterways from Oil Spills

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is pursuing regulations to restrict the transport of diluted bitumen until such time as adequate safeguards are in place to protect coastal communities and waterways from the harm caused by oil spills;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of oil spills on local communities are severe, including: costs relating to emergency response, clean-up and recovery; damage and loss of enjoyment of shoreline areas; damage to biological diversity of plant and animal species; reduced property values; public health impacts; and economic losses in tourism, fishing and other sectors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities endorses the efforts of the Province of British Columbia to introduce regulations that will safeguard coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Loveday".

Councillor Loveday