

## ***Board Highlights***

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#### **1. Support Given For Derelict Vessel Legislation Bill C-638**

The Board gave unanimous support to Nanaimo-Cowichan Member of Parliament Jean Crowder's private member's Bill C-638 that would designate the Coast Guard as a receiver of wrecks and require it to take reasonable steps to contact the owner, and make regulations on the removal, disposition or destruction of derelict vessels. The intention is to give the Coast Guard the regulatory power it needs to take action before a derelict vessel becomes a problem. Letters of support for Bill C-638 will be sent to MP Jean Crowder and Minister of Transportation Lisa Raitt. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

#### **2. AVICC Will Consider Urging An Increase To The Large Corporation Tax Rate**

Director Rob Douglas introduced a resolution for consideration at the upcoming Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2015 Annual General Meeting and Convention. If successful, the Government of British Columbia will be urged to increase the corporation tax rate by 1% on large corporations as defined by the Province and transfer any revenue from that tax increase to the local government level. Director Douglas' motion was unanimously supported by his fellow Directors. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

#### **3. Cowichan Valley Trap and Skeet Club Special Event Temporary Use Permit Approved**

Following a public notification period, and considering the comments that were received, the Board approved the issuance of a Special Event Temporary Use Permit to the Cowichan Valley Trap and Skeet Club. The permit will allow three (3) additional special event shoots per year and adjusted start times for weekend competitive shoots from 10:00 am to 9:00 am in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Contact: [Rob Conway](#), Manager, Development Services

#### **4. Modernization of The Local Government Act Up For Consideration At AVICC**

The Province of BC enacted the *Community Charter* in 2003 with the purpose of expanding the authorities and powers of municipalities. Although some provisions of the Charter apply to regional districts, the *Local Government Act* continues to govern the function, powers and authorities of regional districts. The regional district provisions of the Act are increasingly becoming out-of-step with the provisions of the Charter as they apply to municipalities and do not reflect the changing dynamics and expectations of regional governance in electoral areas.

At the time the Charter was enacted, there was a commitment made by the Province to modernize the Act. The Board agreed to submit a resolution for consideration at the upcoming Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2015 Annual General Meeting and Convention that would strongly encourage the Province to act upon its commitment to modernize and harmonize the legislation governing regional districts. Contact: [Brian Carruthers](#), CAO

#### **5. Financial Assistance Provided to Various Groups and Organizations**

The Directors approved the issuance of \$6,000 in grants-in-aid funding to the following organizations:

- \$1,000 to Frances Kelsey Secondary School from Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay to provide \$500 bursaries to two Cowichan Bay graduating students.
- \$1,000 to Frances Kelsey Secondary School from Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake to provide \$500 bursaries to two Shawnigan Lake graduating students.
- \$2,000 to Frances Kelsey Secondary School from Electoral Area A – Mill Bay/Malahat to provide \$500 bursaries to four Mill Bay/Malahat graduating students.
- \$1,000 to Cowichan Secondary School from Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay to provide \$500 bursaries to two Cowichan Bay graduating students.
- \$1,000 to Cowichan Secondary School from Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake to provide \$500 bursaries to two Shawnigan Lake graduating students.

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