



February 5, 2024

Via email: Leonard.Krog@nanaimo.ca
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Mayor Leonard Krog and Council
City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9S 5J6

Dear Mayor Krog and Council:

RE: INVITATION TO HOST THE 2025 AVICC AGM & CONVENTION

On behalf of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), I would like to thank you for hosting the AVICC AGM & Convention in past years and invite you to host the event again in 2025.

The AVICC AGM & Convention is held annually in April and provides members with the opportunity to bring forward issues and concerns from their individual communities through resolutions and debates. The 2025 Convention will take place from Friday April 11 to Sunday April 13, 2025. We are expecting to have elected officials and senior staff attend from our 53 member local governments representing communities on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, the Central Coast, the North Coast and qathet/Powell River.

Our members greatly enjoyed our 2023 event at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, and I would like to commend you on the venue and services provided for our delegates. It has been a pleasure to work with you to deliver successful events for our members over the years, and we appreciate your many contributions and partnerships. The 2023 convention was attended by over 300 delegates, and brought over 425 room nights into downtown Nanaimo, along with a positive impact on local downtown businesses. We are expecting our number of delegates, and economic impact to increase for 2024 and 2025. Historically the Convention has been held in many of our members' communities, but in recent years our attendance and occupancy requirements have exceeded all but the facilities available in the City of Nanaimo and the City of Victoria.

For reply and arrangements, we ask your office to contact Theresa Dennison, Executive Coordinator. She can be reached at 236-237-1202 or by email at tdennison@avicc.ca. Thank you for considering our invitation, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. Cote'.

Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
President, AVICC