

Late Agenda Item

**Committee of the Whole Agenda
November 12, 2024**

Recommendation:

That the Committee amend the agenda to add the following item, received after publication of the agenda:

6. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

**6.1. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
(AVICC) Student Participation Program**

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Councillor Paterson has requested that the Committee discuss the possibility of inviting an interested secondary or post-secondary student to apply to attend the business sessions at the AVICC 2025 AGM & Convention, held April 11-13, 2025 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo.



2025 AVICC AGM & Convention

Student Participation Program

Deadline January 9, 2025

The [Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities](#) (AVICC) is hosting their 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention in Nanaimo at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre from April 11-13, 2025. The Convention brings together elected officials and staff from 54 local governments on Vancouver Island and in BC coastal communities, provincial representatives, and other local government partners. Our members gather at our annual convention to network, learn, and discuss the issues and policies that are important to our local communities.

The AVICC Executive would like to encourage members to invite interested local secondary or post-secondary students to apply to attend the Convention business sessions in 2025. AVICC will waive the registration fee and reimburse 50% of the travel expenses up to a maximum of \$1000 per successful student applicant.

The sponsoring member local government will be responsible for working with the student to arrange travel and cover additional expenses. AVICC is not responsible for the student throughout the convention, and sponsoring local government members are responsible to ensure that the student has a safe and positive experience, and that the convention code of conduct is upheld.

Planning for the 2025 Convention is currently underway. It will follow the same format as the [2024 AVICC AGM & Convention Program](#) with business sessions taking place as follows:

- Friday, April 11, 2025: 2:00pm-7:30pm (welcome reception included)
- Saturday, April 12, 2025: 7:30am-4:30pm (banquet not included)
- Sunday, April 13, 2025: 7:30am-12:00pm

Coffee break refreshments, light reception food at the Welcome Reception on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Saturday are included in the complimentary registration. A ticket to the banquet is not included.

By exposing youth to local government, they will be familiarized with it – thereby increasing the likeliness that they participate on more levels with their local government over time. It is important for current local leaders to engage with the youth in their communities to encourage higher civic engagement and ultimately, to increase interest in pursuing a career within local government.

Please complete and submit the attached application form **via email to info@avicc.ca** by **4:30pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025.**

The AVICC Executive will be evaluating and approving applications for participation in the 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention student program at their January Executive meeting, and all applicants will be contacted by the end of January regarding the status of their application.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Coordinator, at 236-237-1202 or tdennison@avicc.ca.



2025 AVICC AGM & Convention

Student Participation Application

Deadline January 9, 2025

Member Organization- Sponsor

Organization _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Email _____

Contact Phone _____

Student Applicant Information

Student Name _____

Student Email _____

Student Phone _____

Institution/School _____

Area of Study/Grade _____

Why would you like to attend the 2025 AVICC AGM & Convention?

Provide some examples of ways youth can participate in local government. How do you participate in civic engagement in your community?

The sponsoring AVICC member organization and the student applicant mutually support this application and have read and agree to the guidelines provided with this application.

Sponsoring AVICC Member

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Applicant

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please submit applications by January 9, 2025 via email to info@avicc.ca