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Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Request for Support of City of Duncan AVICC Resolutions**

I am writing to bring to your attention two resolutions that will be considered at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention, and to respectfully request your support when these resolutions are presented.

**Supportive Housing *Residential Tenancy Act* Amendments (R2)**

As you know, supportive housing is critical for vulnerable people in our community who need the wrap-around services to find stability and safety. At the same time, without adequate tools to address rare problematic tenants and guests, it is difficult to gain acceptance for supportive housing from nearby residents and businesses.

Housing providers have asked the Province of BC for more authority to respond to urgent safety issues, problematic individuals taking advantage of vulnerable people, and criminal activity within or near supportive housing sites. As a result, the Province has introduced amendments to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (Bill 11 – 2026) that will provide new tools in supportive housing to:

- take new action to keep weapons out of supportive housing
- provide operators a continuum of options to temporarily restrict the access of tenants to a supportive housing site to de-escalate critical health and safety risks to other residents and staff. In extreme circumstances, operators may restrict access to tenants to a supportive housing building if they are awaiting an expedited Residential Tenancy Branch eviction hearing for posing a threat to fellow residents, staff or guests
- clarify when and where the *Residential Tenancy Act* applies

Our resolution urges the Province of British Columbia to adopt the amendments to the *Residential Tenancy Act* to ensure supportive housing operators have clear, proportionate, and transparent authority to deal with problematic tenants and guests in a manner focused on safety of residents and staff, early intervention, housing stability, and positive relationships with neighbouring communities.

### **Chronic Property and Public Disorder Intervention Initiative (R3)**

The City of Duncan's second resolution urges the Province of BC to expand the Chronic Property and Public Disorder Intervention Initiative (C-POII) province-wide. Currently being piloted in Kelowna, Nanaimo, and Nelson, this program puts offenders under increased supervision along with connection to mental health, substance use, housing, and other supports. Additionally, police and probation officers share information to help prosecutors speed up charges, request long detention, and plan safe releases.

Unabated property crime has had significant ongoing negative impacts to residents and businesses. The enhanced monitoring, enforcement, and support to address public safety concerns and underlying drivers of recidivism offered by the C-POII would go a long way to addressing the concerns of residents and businesses in our communities and assist repeat offenders to end the cycle that perpetuates recidivism.

Thank you for considering our request for support of these resolutions at the upcoming AVICC Convention. We believe that, if fully implemented by the Province, these initiatives will have a significant impact on the quality of life for all residents of the Cowichan Valley and communities across BC who are experiencing the same challenges.

Yours truly,



**Michelle Staples**  
Mayor

cc: Duncan City Council

Attachments:

- 2026-02-10 Backgrounder - AVICC Resolution - Amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act
- 2026-02-10 Backgrounder - AVICC Resolution - Property Crime Offenders Program