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Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer

Hello AVICC Members,

There are several opportunities for learning and engagement taking place in the coming weeks that may be of interest to AVICC member elected officials and staff:

1. **SAVE THE DATE:** On **November 27th, 11:30am-1:30pm**, AVICC is hosting a session led by Reece Harding from Young, Anderson entitled **“Cowichan Tribes Case Commentary: A Focused Dialogue for Local Government”** for AVICC members. This is an opportunity for AVICC members to learn more about this important historic case, including time for discussion and Q & A with a particular focus on considerations for local government. Further information and a registration link will be sent out later this week.
2. The Ministry of Environment and Parks is proposing changes to fees under the *Environmental Management Act*, aiming to update and clarify costs for services provided by the ministry for site remediation and waste discharge authorization application and annual base charges. The [proposed fee increases](#) are intended to offset the cost of administration. Local governments are invited to provide a written submission to the [Ministry](#) by **October 31, 2025**. Please reach out to Erin.Scraba@gov.bc.ca or Christa.ZachariasHomer@gov.bc.ca to schedule a virtual meeting to discuss these changes.
3. Local Governments are invited to provide feedback to the Ministry of Infrastructure as part of the engagement process on the policies and regulations that will support implementation of the *Infrastructure Projects Act* (Bill 15). Webinars will solicit feedback about Provincially Significant Projects. Learn more about the Infrastructure Projects Act and the ministry’s [engagement process](#). The Ministry of Infrastructure will be delivering a webinar on **October 22, 2025, 1:00 –**

2.30PM for elected officials to learn more and provide feedback. **REGISTRATION:** [Webinar 2: Local Government Elected Officials](#).

4. The [Community Action Initiative](#) is hosting two special closed-group webinars with [Guy Felicella](#) (see attached). Please join us as Guy tells his compelling story of addiction and recovery; shares his advice about what kinds of community services are most important and impactful; and answers your questions:
 - **Fri October 24 from 12pm-1:30pm, reserved for Elected Officials-only.** Registration is required, please [click here](#).
 - **Thurs November 6 from 12pm-1:30pm and is open to Elected Officials or Local Government Staff.** Registration is required, please [click here](#).

5. The [Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship invites](#) the public to share input to improve permitting processes for the natural-resource sector. The goal of these surveys is to capture the public's feedback, perspectives and thoughts on proposed changes to permitting processes in several key areas related to water management. To learn more and participate in the surveys that close **December 12, 2025** please [click here](#).

6. The Watershed Security Fund (WSF) has announced the third grants intake of the [WSF Grants Program](#). The program funds watershed security projects that achieve actionable progress on ecosystem health, reconciliation, climate resilience, and sustainable economies. By encouraging collaborative approaches, WSF aims to address urgent and long-term needs while uplifting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The **current grant intake is open for applications from October 6 to November 17, inclusive**. WSF is hosting an online **Q&A Webinar on October 22 at 1:00 pm**. To register, [click here](#).

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