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Please forward to elected officials, the CAO, Corporate Officer, and their administrative support:

The [2026 AVICC AGM & Convention](#) is now just two months away, and planning is well underway! We are looking forward to welcoming our delegates to beautiful downtown Victoria April 24-26, 2026, where the [City of Victoria](#) will host us once again! AVICC is grateful to be guests in the lands of the ləkʷəŋən People, known today as the [Songhees Nation](#) and the [Xwsepsum \(Esquimalt\) Nation](#), who have a long-standing relationship with the land and waters since time immemorial that continues to this day. The [City of Colwood](#), [Township of Esquimalt](#), [District of Saanich](#), and [District of Metchosin](#) have contributed both financially and in-kind, offering recommendations and resources to help enrich our programming. On behalf of AVICC, we extend our sincere appreciation to these organizations for their generous support in welcoming our members to their community.

We are pleased to announce that registration is now available through CivicInfo BC:
<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2026/AVICC>.

The AVICC Executive is enthusiastic about the diverse range of sessions planned for the event. With double the number of session proposals, this year's program will showcase a wide range of expertise. Attached is a [brochure](#) that highlights the program, including information about our keynote speaker, President of Angus Reid and prominent Canadian media personality, [Shachi Kurl](#). We are offering three study tours this year, taking place in various areas of BC's beautiful capital region including experiences over land and water. We are also hosting a facilitated interactive workshop designed for elected leaders who want to learn how to handle divisiveness with skill and intention. Our closing session on Sunday will include a presentation from [Strong Towns](#), an organization who tells stories and creates resources that inspire people to take the future of their neighbourhoods, towns and cities into their own hands. Following our final resolutions session, we will also be conducting an advocacy and resolutions prioritization survey of our members to help inform our advocacy planning for the upcoming term.

This year's Banquet will feature a refreshed format and will be held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel on Saturday, April 25 at 6:30 pm. The AVICC Executive has opted for a more interactive and engaging event to appeal to a broader range of delegates. Rather than the

traditional three-course dinner with wine, attendees will enjoy diverse food stations, signature drinks, and entertainment provided by talented community members. To foster a welcoming atmosphere, ticket prices have been reduced, and additional interactive activities have been introduced. We invite you to join us in celebrating as we conclude the final year of this term – your dedication and support are greatly appreciated!

This is a reminder to update your hotel reservations once you have confirmed travel plans based on pre-convention registration – late changes to hotel bookings can cause AVICC to incur hotel fees. Accommodation information can be found on our website:

<https://avicc.ca/agm-convention/2026-victoria-april-24-26/2026-accommodations-block/>.

The 2026 Convention marks AVICC’s 77th year of representing local government on Vancouver Island and in Coastal Communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to info@avicc.ca. We are grateful to those who can join us in Victoria in April!

Sincerely,

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The AVICC acknowledges that we are grateful to live, work, and play on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Kwak-Waka'wakw Peoples

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