

Council Report May 1, 2023 – Councillor Stanton

I attended the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Conference in Nanaimo on April 14-16.

The opening plenary on Legislative Reform discussed the differences in authority between municipalities, regional districts, and First Nations, and the challenges this can create.

A plenary session on managing emergencies noted that the current legislation doesn't include climate change mitigation and there are gaps in our responses as each local authority is isolated and interacting individually with the province.

A session on Regional Collaboration in the Decade of Climate Action brought us up to date on research, challenges and opportunities since the first session on this topic in Victoria in 2018.

A session on housing focussed on non-profits as partners in development. It encouraged local governments to look at their amenity policy to align or include what it may need in the future.

I attended the first hour of the IACDI AGM on April 20th. The discussion focussed on the implementation of the Accessibility Act and how this impacts IACDI.