

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Process underway to secure new service provider for VICC

Submissions seeking expression of interest now received

# **Summary**

Steps are underway now to review various expressions of interest submitted to the City by parties interested in entering into a new service agreement to operate the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (VICC). The current service agreement with Atlific Hotels is set to expire March 19. It is the City's clear intent to see the regular scheduling and undertaking of conference services at the VICC continue smoothly in the lead up to a new agreement being in place prior to March 19.

Strategic Link: N/A

### **Key Points**

- The process of securing a new service agreement for the VICC began in the fall of 2016 when the City solicited expressions of interest from companies having experience operating conference centres.
- The City is currently working with Atlific Hotels to ensure a smooth transfer of operations is possible once the new service provider is chosen.

### Quotes

"The process of reviewing the received submissions is now underway. A decision leading to a new agreement is expected prior to mid March."

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