



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

# News Release

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## **ACRD CAO Taking on New Challenges at Larger Regional District**

**Port Alberni, BC.** The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors thanks Chief Administrative Officer Russell Dyson for six excellent years of service. Today, Mr. Dyson announced his resignation to accept the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Comox Valley Regional District based in Courtenay, BC.

Leaving the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is bittersweet for Mr. Dyson, who was born and raised in the Alberni Valley. Since joining as CAO in January 2011, Mr. Dyson has seen the ACRD expand and improved the services provided to local residents, including two landfills, two airports, rural water systems, the Sproat Lake Marine Patrol, three volunteer fire departments, and emergency services. Most recently, Mr. Dyson was a key team leader in Exercise Coastal Response, Western Canada's first, full-scale earthquake and tsunami response exercise that took place in the Alberni Valley in June 2016.

Mr. Dyson credited much of his success to hard work of the ACRD staff, *"It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of staff members; I cannot say enough about their diligence and commitment to the residents of the regional district."*

Board Chair John Jack stated that Mr. Dyson's contributions are significant, *"A signature accomplishment during Russell's tenure as CAO was his successful oversight and guidance for four Maa-nulth Nations in joining the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District as full voting members."*

Vice-Chair Josie Osborne added *"By working with the Board of Directors under a shared, regional vision of successful partnerships, sustainable planning and strategic thinking, Russell has helped the regional district deliver exceptional and cost-effective services. He will be missed."*

The ACRD Board of Directors wishes Russell Dyson all the best in his new position. He assumes his new duties at the CVRD in May 2017. The ACRD Board of Directors will announce its transition plan shortly.

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