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## ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT MEDIA RELEASE

**For immediate release:**

### **2014 Local Government Election Information**

This year's Local Government Election will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This is the opportunity to elect the Regional Director for the 6 Electoral Areas. Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield), Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort), Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach), Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake), Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) and Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek). The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) also conducts the election for School District 70 (Alberni) School Board Trustees.

Beginning Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 nomination packages for candidates interested in running for Electoral Area Directors and/or School District Trustees will be available at the ACRD during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays).

The nomination packages provide the necessary documents to nominate a candidate as well as general information about the election process, the ACRD and School District 70.

To further assist interested candidates, the ACRD, together with the City of Port Alberni, has scheduled a pre-orientation session on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Room at Echo Centre. This joint session is intended to provide information regarding the election process, candidate responsibilities during and after the election and Council/Board roles and responsibilities. Former Council/Board members will be in attendance to share their experiences.

While candidates may declare their candidacy at any time, legislation requires that they document all expenses and contributions from the moment of their declaration. Under the new *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA), Elections BC is responsible for the oversight of all matters related to candidate and elector organization campaign financing as well as election advertising during the election proceedings.

The nomination period commences at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

In order to maximize voter turnout, the ACRD will hold two advance voting opportunities. Eligible voters can vote at the ACRD on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 during the same times. General voting will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> also between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Voting place locations will be advertised in the local papers and posted on the ACRD web page once an election or other voting opportunity has been declared by the Chief Election Officer.

Election information is available on the ACRD's website at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) or contact Wendy Thomson, Chief Election Officer at 250 720-2706; email [wendy.thomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wendy.thomson@acrd.bc.ca)