



ACHN Transportation Action Table Minutes

Monday, October 19th, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

ACRD Board Room, 3008 5th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

Attendees: Larry Ransom, SD70; Tony Bennett, ACRD; Daniel Watts, Rainbow Gardens; Lucas George, Tseshah First Nation; Ron Poulsen, City of Port Alberni; Penny Cote, ACRD; Keith Wyton, ACRD; Barb Stevenson, Better at Home; Lucas Banton, ACRD; Greg Roe, SD70; Don Buchner, Wheels for Wellness; Gordon Thompson, IH; Marilyn McEwen, District of Ucluelet; Marcie DeWitt, Alberni Clayoquot Health Network.

Regrets: Josie Osborne, District of Tofino; Juliet VanVliet, Coastal Family Resource Coalition; Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni; Robyn Monruffet, Jane Finerty, Jade Yehia, Island Health

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Participants were welcomed by ACHN Chair Penny Cote, the Chairperson acknowledged we are on the traditional territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshah First Nations.

Participants introduced themselves and shared their goals for joining the ACHN Transportation Action Table.

Goals

How the ACRD can assist in leveraging resources?

Listen and gather information.

Coordinate services thru the region.

Alternative methods of travel.

Direction of this group.

Encouraged by the discussion at the WC.

Determine what solutions apply to the region.

Understand what the role of this table is.

What the mechanics will be to assist formational type meeting?

Clarify the role of the table.

Undertake specific actions.

Move forward on the low hanging fruit

How can this initiative be supported?

What is this table going to do?

Become a clear voice.

2. REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE

In order to frame the discussion and governance model for the Action Table the ACHN Coordinator led a discussion around assumptions for operating, participants at the table offered additional feedback.

Assumptions

- No new resources – must examine creative uses of resources and develop partnerships based on this assumption.
- This is an opportunity to merge interests of participants at the table, form partnerships and develop strong cases to present to decision makers.

- Ability to influence – by uniting the transportation agenda and creating strong concise plans we have the ability to influence decisions, leverage and draw resources to create action.
- By gaining consensus on opportunities we can have a strong united voice to present cases and leverage resources.

Draft Terms of Reference

The group reviewed the draft terms of reference making suggestions. Marcie will rewrite the scope statement adding actions with specific roles staying focused on issues the table has the ability to address.

3. REGIONAL UPDATES

The ACHN Coordinator provided a brief overview of work to date by the ACHN emphasizing the need to support and not duplicate the efforts of regional groups already addressing transportation.

Top Priorities June 11 BC Healthy Communities Forum

- Transportation Infrastructure- co-ordinate and evaluate current needs and link with opportunities; Regional dialog between First Nations.
- Coordination of Network & Service – Regional Coordinator; West Coast Action Table
- Non-Emergency Medical Services – co-location of medical services, medical records flagging transportation needs and patterns.

Wise Actions

- ACHN Action Table
- Annual Round Table
- Define Vision & Pitch It
- Find People who can Influence
- Better use of existing Infrastructure

The ACHN Coordinator has been working to identify, convene and check in with regional groups addressing transportation issues in the region. Updates from the three regional groups are as follows:

Bamfield Road Safety Association

Annual General Meeting this Saturday, road safety, helipad and bandwidth needed for telehealth have been recent priority items

ACRD Transportation Committee

The priority of this committee has been the alternate route out of the Alberni Valle- MOT is preparing a report that will be given to the Highway Committee. Will be forming a subcommittee to continue this action planning, committee will resume a broad regional scope. Committee is an asset to task action items.

West Coast Working Group

A meeting was held on the West Coast on September 30 to convene a WC Transportation Action Table, discussions were held and moving forward with a wheels for wellness pilot project to provide services to the west coast communities and will be convening a second action subgroup to address planning for increased transportation access on the peninsula.

Other

Director Jack relayed an HFN, Ditidat and Cowichan Valley initiative regarding a paved road from Sarita to Cowichan with the ACRD Board who endorsed this initiative in principle.

Ron Poulson made contact with the appointee from the provincial government for transportation on Vancouver Island – will follow up

Vancouver Island Economic Alliance has been working around an Island wide transportation plan

First Nations Health Authority has been holding consultations around transportation and access to services – opportunities to partner and potential to address offshore community priorities

4. TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The group engaged in discussions regarding priorities and opportunities. Information and clarification of availabilities of programs is needed. A group like this coming together has a strong voice with regards to approaching senior levels of government, if your presentation is strong can sometimes surpass some of the politics.

Needs

Sub groups - Ideas, tangible plans and resources to help implement (self sustaining)

Inventory of what is available

Resource someone to prepare a Transportation Asset listing including how they function, what are the restraints and agencies providing dollars for target populations

Repository for data to collect and feed information back out

Marcie bring a plan forward around identified actions for next meeting

5. ACTION PLANNING

Group identified the need to inventory Transportation Asset as first action for table.

Scope for this asset listing:

Transportation Costs

Transportation Assets

Information and clarification of services available

ACTION ITEMS:

Marcie will investigate opportunities to utilize research groups and students for this project, define and bring forward a plan for December meeting

Marcie will bring forward revised Terms of Reference, based on discussion, for December meeting

Ron Paulson to forward contact of Ministry representative assigned to transportation issues on Vancouver Island

Larry Ransom and Greg Roe to investigate issues of liability, union agreements and potential opportunities with School District to inform table of opportunities and barriers to SD70 participation

6. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. The next meeting will be held in December.