



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 26th, 2016@ 9:00 am

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

AGENDA

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| 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | |
| 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
<i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i> | |
| 3. <u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u> | |
| a. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held February 9, 2016 | 2-4 |
| <i>THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on February 9, 2016 be adopted.</i> | |
| 4. <u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS</u> | |
| 5. <u>REPORTS</u> | |
| a. 2016-02-10 Response to HLC vs Hwy 4 MAE Spreadsheet | |
| b. Meeting with Qualicum First Nations | |
| c. Progress Review | |
| 6. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION</u> | |
| 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> | |
| 8. <u>ADJOURN</u> | |

**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 @ 9:30 AM**

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

MEMBERS Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair
PRESENT: Gillian Trumper, PAPA, Co Chair
Randy Orr, Island Timberlands
Bob Cole, City of Port Alberni
Lucas Banton, ACRD
Darren DeLuca

STAFF PRESENT: Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni
Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The Chair recognized the meeting this morning is being held in the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation Traditional Territories.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D. DeLuca
SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held December 8, 2015.

MOVED: D. DeLuca
SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT the minutes of the AC Transportation Committee Meeting held on December 8, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

6. REPORTS

a. CH2MHill Consulting Connector Report and Highway 4

The Committee discussed the findings of the draft report and the Horne Lake Connector expanded MAE with regards to the proposed \$22 million upgrade to the existing Highway 4 and \$80 million newly constructed Horne Lake Connector. The draft report lays out improvements on Highway 4 – basically stop signs and ditching, no crawl lanes, no blasting or cutting of trees to straighten the road for extended passing lanes. The findings do not address the main issues of Highway 4 - Cameron Lake and Cathedral grove. The potential for a major incident still exists. The Ministry appears to be listening but have their own agendas; it seems we are being set up to accept improvements on Highway 4. The committee challenges the report on the actual construction costs, Highway 4 is an open highway, a geotechnical study would need to be completed, construction would lead to increased trip time, flagging costs, cutting of trees, etc. At this point the report is not an equal comparison; if they are necessary for the Horne Lake connector they are necessary for Highway 4.

The committee's strategy is to send a letter prepared by Pat Deakin on Friday, February 12th to Ministry staff following up on the expanded MAE with suggestions and question how the determinations were made. Two weeks later follow up and see if the final report is ready. Organize a meeting with politicians once the final report is received.

MOVED: L. Banton

SECONDED: D Deluca

THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a response to staff at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding corrections to the draft report prepared by CMH2Hill and follow up in 2 weeks.

CARRIED

MOVED: G. Trumper

SECONDED: D Deluca

THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a meeting invite to Scott Fraser, MLA along with Josie Osborne, ACRD Chair and Gord Johns, MP to review the final report once received and update them on the activities of the committee.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting with Qualicum First Nations

History of the "Horne Lake Trail" the lake was originally called Enoksasent, the

government moved to secure the historic route in the public right and preserve it for future road development. In April 1911, H.H. Browne surveyed a 66-foot road allowance running from the Qualicum Reserve to Alberni and generally following the traditional Horne Lake Trail route. The new road allowance, formally called the Horne Lake and Alberni Road, was recognized in the provincial Gazette dated 8 June 1911. Despite occasional effort to establish a road between Port Alberni and Horne Lake, the 1911 Gazetted Road has never been developed. Modern road development in the greater Horne Lake area, however, has generally reflected the traditional route of the Horne Lake Trail.

Gillian Trumper discussed meeting with the Qualicum First Nations Council with Cindy Stern. The committee will request to be a delegation at a Qualicum First Nations Council meeting.

MOVED: G. Trumper
SECONDED: D. Deluca

THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a letter to the Qualicum First Nations to request being a delegation at the Qualicum First Nations Council meeting to discuss the Horne Lake Connector.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURN

MOVED: D. Deluca
SECONDED: G. Trumper

THAT this meeting be adjourned 10:45 am.

CARRIED