



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

PARKS SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, January 26, 2016, 1:30pm

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

AGENDA

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 11, 2015 meeting**
- 2. REVIEW DRAFT REGIONAL PARKS CONCEPT PLAN**
- 3. REVIEW REGIONAL PARK BUDGET SCENARIOS**
- 4. REVIEW STAFF MEMO REGARDING REGIONAL PARKS CONCEPT PLAN**
- 5. Next Steps**
 - Set next meeting date

Draft Regional Parks Concept Plan

Submitted to the Parks Service Review Committee - January 26, 2016 for Consideration

Site Number	Site	Location	Regional Interest	Potential Classification	Current Ownership	ACRD Role
Proposed Parks & Trails						
1	Log Train Trail (LTT)	Electoral Areas Beaufort (B), Beaver Creek (E), and Cherry Creek (F)	Historic railway. Trail is used by walkers, bikers, equestrian, and All-Terrain Users. Trail connections between the City of Port Alberni & ACRD	Regional Trail	Owned by Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), leased to the ACRD for recreational purposes (non-motorized).	Manage Current Trail.
2	Ucluelet Multi-Use Path	Electoral Area Long Beach (C)	Trail connections between the communities of Ucluelet & Tofino	Regional Trail	Owned by MOTI, leased to the District of Ucluelet.	Currently Long Beach service area pays District of Ucluelet & \$7200 to maintain trail. Initiate discussions with PRNP, District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet, regarding trail connections.
3	Connection between built Multi-Use Path & Pacific Rim National Park	Electoral Area Long Beach (C)	Trail connections between the communities of Ucluelet & Tofino	Regional Trail	Various	Initiate discussions with PRNP, District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet, regarding trail connections.
4	Connection between PRNP & District of Tofino	Electoral Area Long Beach (C)	Trail connections between the communities of Ucluelet & Tofino	Regional Trail	Various	Initiate discussions with PRNP, District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet, regarding trail connections.
5	Toquart Bay Turnoff	Electoral Area Long Beach (C)	Welcoming area to the West Coast	Regional Park	MOTI ROW	Initiate discussions with MOTI.
6	Connection between Anacla & Bamfield	Electoral Area Bamfield (A)	Trail connections between the communities of Anacla & Bamfield	Regional Trail	Crown, Private	Huu-ay-aht First Nation (HFN) building trail in 2016. ACRD initiate discussions with HFN.
7	Connection between City of Port Alberni & Sproat Lake	Electoral Area Sproat Lake (D)	Trail connections between City of Port Alberni and Sproat Lake	Regional Trail	Various	Initiate discussions between City of Port Alberni, Tseshaht First Nation, MOTI, and any private land holders.
8	Boat Launch at Great Central Lake	Electoral Area Sproat Lake (D)	Public boat launch to GCL	Regional Park	ACRD	Convert to Regional Park
9	Welcome to Alberni Valley Sign	Electoral Area Cherry Creek (F)	Entrance to Alberni Valley	Regional Interest	MOTI ROW	Consider modifications and maintenance to sign.
Existing Parks and Trails						
10	Arrowsmith Regional Park	Regional District of Nanaimo	Recreation area with multiple trail routes for alpine hiking and mountain biking	RDN Regional Park	ACRD	Initiate discussions with Regional District of Nanaimo to assess if they are interested in acquiring the regional park on Mt. Cokely Ridge and managing it jointly with the massif.
11	Alberni Inlet Trail	Electoral Area Bamfield (A), Cherry Creek (F)	Regional Trail	Maintain as Regional Trail	Island Timberlands & Crown. ACRD holds lease.	Continue with Interpretive Signs Project (Staff working with multiple groups and funding sources). ACRD to pursue engineered estimate for Franklin River crossing to link Stage 2 to Stage 3 (needed for Grant Applications). Volunteers finalizing Stage 3 trail. Develop Regional Trail Management Plan for Alberni Inlet Trail.
12	China Creek Regional Park	Electoral Area Cherry Creek (F)	Regional Park	Maintain as Regional Trail	ACRD	Consider re-negotiating terms of the Lease agreement with the Port Authority to receive a higher % of revenue. Prior to 2010 % paid to ACRD was 1.5% of camping revenue, and current lease is 2.4% of camping revenue. Current lease expires 2029.

Regional Parks Budget Scenarios. January 21, 2016 (for discussion)

The below describes 3 budget scenarios using the 'Land & Improvement' rate & the 'Parcel Tax' rate

2015 Regional Parks Tax Requisition \$23,883 (Based on Land & Improvements)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	9,307	3,853	2,087	815	421	986	3,522	1,338	1,554	\$ 23,883
Contribution Percentage	38.97%	16.13%	8.74%	3.41%	1.76%	4.13%	14.75%	5.60%	6.51%	100.00%

Note: The actual Residential Tax Rate is currently \$0.004/\$1000 assessed value. Examples: A \$200,000 house pays = \$0.80/year, A \$500,000 house pays = \$2/year.

Equivalent \$23,883 Using Parcel Tax Method (for comparison purposes)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	10,785	1,907	2,448	1,093	530	1,548	2,259	1,842	1,473	\$ 23,883
Contribution Percentage	45.16%	7.98%	10.25%	4.58%	2.22%	6.48%	9.46%	7.71%	6.17%	100.00%

Note: \$1.38/parcel would be requisitioned

\$50,000 Proposed Regional Parks Budget, Based on Land & Improvements (for comparison purposes)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	19,052	8,351	4,392	1,726	897	2,071	7,417	2,886	3,207	\$ 50,000
Contribution Percentage	38.10%	16.70%	8.78%	3.45%	1.79%	4.14%	14.83%	5.77%	6.41%	100.00%

Note: The proposed Residential Tax rate would be \$0.009/\$1000 assessed value. A \$200,000 house pays = \$1.8/year, A \$500,000 house pays = \$4.50/year.

\$50,000 Proposed Regional Parks Budget, Using Parcel Tax Method (for comparison purposes)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	22,579	3,992	5,124	2,288	1,109	3,240	4,729	3,856	3,083	\$ 50,000
Contribution Percentage	45.16%	7.98%	10.25%	4.58%	2.22%	6.48%	9.46%	7.71%	6.17%	100.00%

Note: \$2.90/parcel would be requisitioned

\$100,000 Proposed Regional Parks Budget (for comparison purposes)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	38,105	16,702	8,784	3,452	1,795	4,143	14,834	5,773	6,413	\$ 100,000
Contribution Percentage	38.11%	16.70%	8.78%	3.45%	1.80%	4.14%	14.83%	5.77%	6.41%	100.00%

Note: A \$100,000 Regional Parks Budget would have a Residential Tax Rate of \$0.017/\$1000 assessed value. A \$200,000 house pays \$3.40/year, A \$500,000 house pays \$8.50/year

\$100,000 Proposed Regional Parks Budget (for comparison purposes)										
	Port					Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Alberni	Tofino	Ucluelet	Bamfield	Beaufort	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Contribution Amount	45,157	7,984	10,249	4,576	2,218	6,480	9,459	7,711	6,167	\$ 100,000
Contribution Percentage	45.16%	7.98%	10.25%	4.58%	2.22%	6.48%	9.46%	7.71%	6.17%	100.00%

Note: \$5.80/parcel would be requisitioned

Parkland Acquisition					
	Long	Sproat	Beaver	Cherry	
	Beach	Lake	Creek	Creek	Total
Total Fund Amount	\$143,050	\$89,170	\$7,081	\$34,008	\$273,309

Note: Funds to be spent in electoral area. Intended for community parks.

2015 Community Parks Services Budget				
	Sproat Lake	Bamfield Parks	Beaver Creek	
	Community Parks	Commission	Parks Service	Total
Annual Budget	\$91,190	\$9,448	\$10,000	\$110,638

Notes: Sproat Lake - amount requisitioned was \$0.133/\$1000 assessed value (max \$0.177/\$1000. Total limit \$112,405)

Bamfield - amount requisitioned was \$0.093/\$1000 assessed value (max \$0.177/\$1000. Total limit \$16,279)

Beaver Creek - amount requisitioned was \$0.022/\$1000 assessed value (max \$0.177/\$1000. Total limit \$56,053)

Long Beach Multi Use Path Budget	
Long Beach Service Area	\$7,200

Log Train Trail	
Alberni Valley Grant in Aid	\$8,000



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks Service Review Committee
From: Heather Adair, Planner
Date: January 21, 2015
Subject: Regional Parks Concept Plan

Regional Parks:

The attached spreadsheet contains a proposed Regional Parks Concept Plan that provides equitable representation across the region. The focus is a regional identity with trails connecting all communities of the Regional District.

Community Parks:

Bamfield and Sproat Lake have action Community Parks Commissions. Staff recommend that Cherry Creek, Beaver Creek, Beaufort, and Long Beach consider establishing a Community Park Committee or Commission in each of these communities to help develop community park and trail initiatives separate from Regional Parks. Staff have been in contact with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development regarding this process.

As Community Park Committee or Commissions are formed consideration can be given to the following Community Parks & Parkland Dedication Parks as well as other community proposals:

- Bamfield – West Park, Waterfront Parcel A, Waterfront Parcel B.
- Beaver Creek – Karen Place (Parkland Dedication), Chase Dr (Parkland Dedication).
- Sproat Lake – Trestle RV (Parkland Dedication), Bishop Dr (Parkland Dedication), Klista Dr (Parkland Dedication), Sander (Parkland Dedication).
- Long Beach - Willowbrae Park.
- Cherry Creek – Cherry Creek Trail planning and improvements.

Financial:

Staff have prepared a financial attachment that outlines three budget proposals with the following amounts; \$23,883, \$50,000, and \$100,000. Each of the budget amounts have been expressed in a Land & Improvement Tax Requisition, and by way of Parcel Tax.

Staff Recommendations:

That the Parks Service Review Committee:

- 1) Prioritize Regional Park proposals presented by staff.
- 2) Direct staff to further investigate the presented Regional Parks Concept Plan by discussing the concepts with the respective municipalities and providing annual costs based on the three funding alternatives presented.
- 3) Consider the financial options presented by staff in specific detail following consultation with municipal staff.
- 4) Consider establishing a Community Park Committees or Commissions in Cherry Creek, Beaver Creek, Beaufort, and Long Beach to help develop community park and trail initiatives.

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