



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2017-2021 FINANCIAL PLAN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017, 6:00 PM**

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

AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Recognition of Traditional Territories.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(motion to approve, including late items required 2/3 majority vote)

Late Business:

- 4a. Correspondence from the Sproat Lake Community Association requesting assistance for a Hydrology study and removal of rock on Sproat River.

3. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

- a. Presentation – R. Dyson/T. Fong
- 2017-2021 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan
 - 2017 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Annual Budget

- b. Public Input and Questions

4. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

- a. LATE ITEM: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
Sproat Lake Community Association, March 8, 2017, request for assistance for a Hydrology study and removal of rock on Sproat River.

(Board Direction Requested)

5. **2017-2021 REGIONAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PLAN**

- a. Request for Decision

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Bylaw No. F1131 – 2nd Reading of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan
(Financial Plan Attached Separately)

1. ***THAT the Board of Directors give second reading to Bylaw cited as ‘Bylaw F1131, 2017 to 2021 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan’.***
2. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, General Government Services, pages 7-9, as follows:***
 - Line 3 - Tax Requisition – increase to \$889,142.00***
 - Line 23 – Recruiting – increase to \$40,000.00***
 - Add capital expenditure after line 73 – Audio/Visual Boardroom Upgrades - \$16,000.00***
3. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Grants-in-aid Alberni Valley & Bamfield, page 10, as follows:***
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – increase to \$18,500.00***
 - Add grant-in-aid after line 7 – Alberni Valley Rescue Squad - \$6,000.00***
4. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Grant-in-aid Region Wide, page 14, as follows:***
 - Line 14 – Carving on the Edge Festival Society – District of Tofino be removed as participating member***
5. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Regional Planning, pages 17-18, as follows:***
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – increase to \$156,454.00***
 - Line 22 – Sustainability Planning – increase to \$50,000.00***
6. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Alberni Valley & Bamfield Waste Management, pages 27-30, as follows:***
 - Add capital expenditure after line 75 – Software Upgrade - \$18,500.00***
7. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend the Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Long Beach Airport, pages 41-43, as follows:***
 - Line 70 – Taxiway H, C, F Upgrade – increase to \$40,000.00***
8. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend the Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, West Coast Emergency Planning, page 45, as follows:***
 - Line 5 – Tax Requisition Area ‘A’ Bamfield – increase to \$14,933.00***
 - Line 16 – Emergency Planning Costs Area ‘A’ Bamfield – increase to \$15,000.00***
9. ***THAT the Board of Directors amend the Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, West Coast Waste Management, pages 47-49, as follows:***
 - Add capital expenditure after line 56 – Software Upgrade - \$5,500.00***

10. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Bamfield Water System, pages 53-54, as follows:**
 - Line 2 – Parcel Tax – increase to \$58,872.00**
 - Line 10 – Capital Fund Contribution from Operating – increase to \$128,059.00**

11. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Grants-in-Aid Bamfield, page 55, as follows:**
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – reduce to \$8,000.00**
 - Line 7 – Bamfield Community Affairs Society – reduce to \$7,000.00**

12. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Salmon Beach Recreation, page 62, as follows:**
 - Line 3 – Parcel Tax – increase to \$47,040.00**
 - Line 7 – Capital Fund Contribution – increase to \$38,000.00**
 - Line 10 – Operating Costs – increase to \$8,400.00**

13. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Salmon Beach Security, page 63, as follows:**
 - Line 21 – Admin Building – increase to \$10,000.00**

14. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Grants-in-Aid Sproat Lake, page 71, as follows:**
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – increase to \$30,935.00**
 - Add grant-in-aid after line 8 – Sproat Lake Community Association - \$5,000.00**

15. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Sproat Lake Community Park, pages 75-76, as follows:**
 - Line 8 – Capital Fund Contribution from Operating – reduce to \$148,000.00**
 - Line 10 – Operating Costs – increase to \$38,000.00**
 - Line 23 – Cougar Smith Park Infrastructure Upgrades – increase to \$2,000.00**
 - Line 24 – Dickson Park Dock – increase to \$1,000.00**

16. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Grants-in-Aid Beaver Creek, page 91, as follows:**
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – increase to \$7,995.00**
 - Line 9 – Unallocated – change to Special Events and increase to \$5,000.00**

17. **THAT the Board of Directors amend Financial Plan Bylaw F1131, Cherry Creek Community Park, page 95, as follows:**
 - Line 2 – Tax Requisition – reduce to \$6,535.00**
 - Line 9 – Trail Development & Operating Costs – reduce to \$135,500.00**

- ***Consideration of any further additions or changes to the 2017-2021 Financial Plan from Directors***

*** (The Board of Directors is to vote on second reading as amended after all of the amendments to the Financial Plan are considered) ***

6. **REPORTS**

7. **ADJOURN**

Sproat Lake Community Association
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March 8, 2017

John Jack, Chair and Board of Directors
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

Re: Flood Remediation Strategy

Dear John Jack,

At the Sproat Lake Community Association (SLCA), Annual General Meeting on Monday, February 27th, 2017 held at the Sproat Lake Community Hall there was a presentation by local resident Bob Cole proposing a flood remediation strategy for the Sproat Lake and surrounding area.

Major flooding on Vancouver Island November 3, 2016 to November 14, 2016 has resulted in extensive property damage to many residential homes and property around Sproat Lake and along the Sproat River and Somass River. The lake level is expected to continue to flood in future years with Climate Change extreme weather patterns.

On November 10th, 2016 Minister Yamamoto met with representatives from the ACRD, the City of Port Alberni and Tseshaht First Nations for a tour of properties along the Somass River on the Tseshaht Reserve in the Alberni Valley but unfortunately did not view the devastation of flooded properties at Sproat Lake. Photos were forward to the Ministers office at that time by ACRD Sproat Lake Electoral Area Director, Penny Cote.

Some of the flooded Sproat Lake homes had insurance but unfortunately many did not or are not the primary residents making those property owners unqualified to access BC Disaster Relief. The Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department provided sand bags for those properties that could be protected by these efforts but for many the lake level was too extreme. EMBC assisted at a community meeting providing valuable information on how to access BC Flood Relief and how to manage restoration from flood damage. Many of the residents have been very resilient providing their own support, staying with friends or family. The cost to each property owner, sustaining substantial damages from this disaster totals many tens of thousands of dollars each for repairs, replacement and losses. Some residents are still displaced from their homes and are looking at months for the flood damage to be repaired. It is very difficult to estimate the total damage cost to the community.

A presentation at the SLCA AGM by Sproat Lake resident, Bob Cole reporting that one rock outcropping that was identified in 1992 as what should be removed to offset the restriction of water flow at major rain events caused by the weir. It is assumed that if this rock were removed, there would be a more natural flow to the river at higher water levels and not the upstream flooding before it overtops and the downstream flooding when it does.

Bob has consulted with Ministry of Environment and the Water Management branch about doing some flood prevention work on the rock face just North of the weir.

Bob states, "It seems to me, that if this rock was removed, as planned after the 1992 high water event, it would allow more water out of the lake at lower flood levels, earlier, rather than when it finally overtops at the 205' and 206' levels. That could also alleviate some of the later downstream at extremes.

Removing it would also offset the flow volume reduction the weir creates at the higher water levels. It would recreate more normalcy to the river in the Fall, Winter and Spring while the Summer water retention values of the weir would still be in place."

Bob Cole has investigated and sourced Rocstar with a quote for the work at \$15,800 whenever Department of Fisheries Office and Ministry of Environment would allow regarding fish passage. Biologist, Dave Clough has prescribed how to use the blasted rock pieces effectively for habitat restoration immediately below the weir to help hold spawning and juvenile rearing gravel in place. Bob has indicated that in discussion with DFO and MoE removal of the rock would require a hydrological engineering study predicting downstream effects (benefits) before we can proceed.

It is on the motion that was unanimously approved by community members at the SLCA AGM that a request to the ACRD and Ministry of Environment for assistance to undertake a hydrological study for the removal of the identified rock at the mouth of the Sproat River for a flood remediation measure to potentially assist the many flood victims in the future. It is further requested that the Ministry of State of Emergency assist in remediation measures. Such a study is estimated to cost between \$15,000 and \$40,000.

MOTION BY Bob Cole that the SLCA send letter to ACRD & Ministry of Environment to ask for assistance for Hydrology Study and removal of Rock on Sproat River. 2nd Nancy Harvey...carried.

Yours Truly,

Greg Steel, President
Sproat Lake Community Association

Cc: Honourable Mary Polak
Minister Of Environment

Honourable Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of Disaster Preparedness

Gord Johns, MP, Courtenay-Alberni

Scott Fraser, MLA, Alberni-Pacific Rim



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January 16, 2017

Honourable Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness
Room 227, Parliament Buildings
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Dear Minister Yamamoto,

Given the most recent flood events in the Somass River watershed, the Board of Directors of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) requests your help to initiate a flood assessment review. The Somass River watershed includes the Somass River, Sproat River, Sproat Lake, Stamp River, Great Central Lake, Ash River and Elsie Lake. There is a BC Hydro Dam on the Ash River system, a weir on Sproat Lake, and two dams on Great Central Lake.

The ACRD acknowledges this is a complex issue and requires input and advice from numerous experts within the Provincial and Federal Governments. Despite the complexities and various levels of government responsibilities, it is essential that all the citizens of the Alberni Valley, including the residents of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations, be protected from future storm events. In each of the last three years, significant flooding in the Somass River system has impacted private property and infrastructure. This past fall, Highway 4 traffic was rerouted through the Tseshaht lands and a private industrial road causing delays and confusion for the Alberni Valley as well as Tofino and Ucluelet.

We ask that the flood mitigation measures be evaluated across the Somass River watershed including development of options for remediation and communication to our residents.

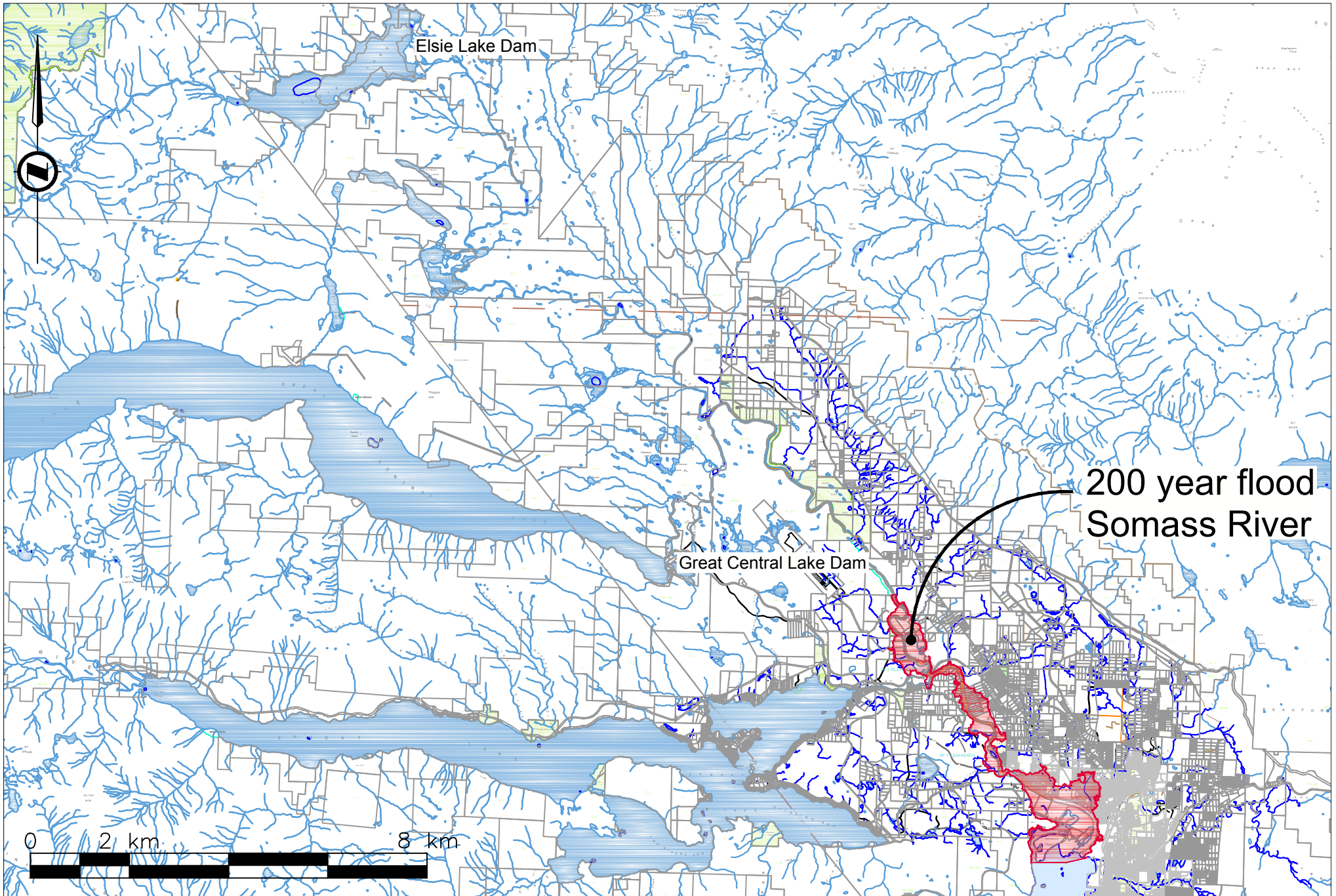
Sincerely,

John Jack,
ACRD Chairperson

Enclosure

Cc: Honourable Mike Morris, Minister of Public Safety
Gord Johns, Member of Parliament
Scott Fraser, MLA
Steven Tatoosh, Chief Councillor, Hupacasath First Nation
Cynthia Dick, Chief Councillor, Tseshaht First Nation
Stan Kujala, President, Sproat Lake Community Association

Late Item: 4a.



200 year flood
Somass River

Elsie Lake Dam

Great Central Lake Dam

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