



**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2015, 9:00AM**

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

MEMBERS

Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair

PRESENT:

Bob Cole, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
Neil Malbon, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
Lucas Banton, Director, ACRD
Mike Lang, PA&DLC
Mike Newton, R.F. Binnie & Associates

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Dyson, CAO, ACRD
Tracy Bond, Administrative Assistant, ACRD
Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager, City of Port Alberni

REGRETS:

Chris Alemany, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Josie Osborne, Mayor, District of Tofino
Dianne St. Jacques, Mayor, District of Ucluelet
Gillian Trumper, Port Alberni Port Authority, Co-Chair
Darren Deluca
Randy Orr, Island Timberlands

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
Introductions were conducted.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: L. Banton
SECONDED: M. Lange

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held September 17, 2014

MOVED: L. Banton
SECONDED: B. Cole

THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on September 17, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

b. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held December 16, 2014

MOVED: L. Banton

SECONDED: B. Cole

THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on December 16, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

5. REPORTS & DISCUSSION

a. Connector Highway

Discussion regarding the Connector Highway, the Ministry of Transportation's Business Case and the UBCM Follow-up meeting with MOTI in relation to the Connector Highway.

b. Business Case

The Ministry of Transportation has agreed to do Business Case on the 2013 Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee preferred alternate route to Port Alberni for a cost of \$100,000. The report is to be completed by November 30, 2015. The Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee would like to make sure the Ministry's consultants have all the relevant information needed. More information regarding amount and length of closures on the highway is needed as the Ministry's list is incomplete. Not all road closures are recorded with the Ministry.

Mr. M. Newton entered the meeting at 9:30 am

M. Newton advised that he had not agreed to do a list of highway closures for the last 10 years. After much discussion it was found that the 911 Fire Dispatch may have this information. R. Dyson will contact them. The Ministry has identified 7 concerns. The Committee should address the concerns appropriately and show the problems currently experienced with the one road. Safety, delays, economic development issues must be supplied to consultants doing the study. Amount of traffic to and from the North Island must be looked at. Tofino did a tourism survey in 2014 showing origins of tourists. P. Deakin will see if he can get this information. The Lady Rose also keeps accounts of where their visitors come from. We should try and get this information. The commute time to the North Island should be looked at. The shorter time would be beneficial to workers as well as to industry. Failure to look at economic opportunities in this report could have a negative effect on our communities so this needs to be communicated to the Ministry and their

consultants. M. Newton suggested that the November 30th completion date of the study may be too lengthy. Committee members agreed and would like to see the study completed prior to a Federal election this fall. M. Newton asked Committee members to advise R. Dyson or P. Deakin of any changes they may wish and he will be in contact with them.

**c. UBCM Follow Up Meeting with MOTI - Dave Duncan and Kevin Richter
January 26, 1:30 pm, 5B – 940 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC**

Discussion regarding on how this group should proceed at the UBCM Follow Up Meeting on January 26, 2015 in Victoria. Request that The Terms of Reference include a list of stakeholders. Speak about initiatives such as the shipping hub and suggest failure to look at economic development in the study could have a negative effect on our communities. Request completion of the report to be June 30th not November 30th, 2015. Express our appreciation for the Ministry's commitment to fund a business case on the 2013 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District preferred connector road route. The Port Alberni group to bring information packages. The "Next Steps" in the R.F. Binnie Report are to be refined so they are not so vague prior to the meeting in Victoria. M. Newton will revise.

MOVED: J. McLeman

SECONDED: L. Banton

THAT D. Deluca, M. Newton and P. Deakin to examine the draft terms of reference for the Jan. 26th meeting.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be at the call of the Chairs.

9. ADJOURN

MOVED: J. McLeman

SECONDED: L. Banton

CARRIED

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:20 am.