



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY/BAMFIELD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

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

DIRECTORS

John McNabb, Chair, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

PRESENT:

Keith Wyton, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Mike Kokura, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)

Lucas Banton, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)

Ron Paulson, Alternate Director, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Josie Osborne, Chairperson, Mayor, District of Tofino

REGRETS:

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer

Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development

Andrew McGifford, Acting Manager of Finance/Manager of
Environmental Services

Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Mr. Rick Geddes, Deputy Fire Chief, Sproat Lake Fire Department regarding a request for Financial Aid – 2016 Fire Training Conference in Port Alberni.**

Mr. Geddes introduced Deputy Fire Chief Mike Kobus of the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The delegation provided an overview of the 2016 Fire Training Conference which is being hosted by the Alberni Valley Fire Departments. The conference will take place May 14th to 19th, 2016 and will involve an estimated 200 attendees. Numerous training programs will be run concurrently. This represents a unique opportunity for firefighters in the Alberni Valley and other ACRD communities to access affordable, high quality firefighting training close to home. The training conference host committee, made up of the four Alberni Valley Fire Departments requests the ACRD support the 2016 training conference by providing \$10,000 in financial assistance to offset the costs.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director McLeman

THAT the Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors approve \$5,000.00 in 2015 through the Special Events fund and the remaining \$5,000.00 funding request be referred for consideration during 2016 budget deliberations.

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the main motion be amended as follows: THAT the ACRD Board of Directors approve up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 in 2015 including in-kind through the 2015 Special Events Fund and the remaining funds for a total of \$10,000.00 combined be included in the 2016 grants-in-aid for the 2016 Fire Training Conference in Port Alberni.

CARRIED

The main motion as amended was

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Alberni Valley & Bamfield Services Committee Meeting – July 21, 2015.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley and Bamfield Services Committee Meeting held on July 21, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. CANADIAN RED CROSS

Proposal for Emergency Social Services in the Alberni Valley

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of Emergency Social Services (ESS) program and the services they provide in an emergency. Locally, there is trouble with recruiting volunteers for the ESS program. He provided an overview of the services Canadian Red Cross can provide in this area. Funds are available in the Alberni Valley Emergency Planning budget.

MOVED: Director McLeman

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors enter into a one year partnership agreement with Canadian Red Cross in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Emergency Social Services with funds coming from the Alberni Valley Emergency Planning budget.

CARRIED

b. DRAG STRIP OR MOTORSPORT ACTIVITY AT THE ALBERNI VALLEY AIRPORT

- Craig and Christine Sampson
- Residents Living on Central Lake Road
- George Bradd

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

7. REPORTS

- a. Update on Invitation by the Board to meet with the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the Process for Removal of Woodlot Lands. – Verbal Report (R. Dyson)**

The CAO provided an update on an ACRD Board resolution to meet with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the process for removal of woodlot lands around the Alberni Valley Regional Airport. The Regional District was advised by the Ministry that they did not have the staff resources to meet with the Board at this time. Regional District staff will meet with Ministry staff on the 29th of September and report back to the Board.

MOVED: Director Banton

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT the Alberni Valley and Bamfield Services Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Unfinished Business

Director Osborne reported that she and CAO, Russell Dyson attended a community meeting the Tseshaht First Nation (TFN) Council. They attended the meeting to answer questions and hear concerns regarding the Regional District's application to the province to secure tenure of the Alberni Valley landfill site. Concerns were raised around leachate, wildlife and the need for a free store at the Landfill. Positive comments were received regarding possible economic benefits for TFN. There was also discussion regarding what could happen if Regional District does not secure tenure for the landfill site. Director Osborne stressed the need for the Regional District to work formally with their Council to resolve the tenure issue.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Jack

THAT this verbal report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Jack

THAT a three (3) person committee made up of the CAO, Chairperson Osborne and Director McNabb be established to continue to meet with the Tseshaht First Nation to discuss tenure at the AV Landfill.

CARRIED

9. LATE BUSINESS

10. IN CAMERA

MOVED: Director Banton

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT this meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to:

- i. Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Regional District service that are at their preliminary stages, disclosure of which*

the Board considers could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public.

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:25 pm

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

12. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT this meeting be adjourned 3:48 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

John McNabb,
Chairperson

Russell Dyson,
Chief Administrative Officer