

**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016 @ 10:00 AM**

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

MEMBERS

Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair

PRESENT:

Gillian Trumper, PAPA, Co-Chair

Chris Alemany, City of Port Alberni

Darren DeLuca

Dennis Frykas, Amalgamated Transit Union

Scott Fraser, MLA

Bob Cole

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

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

GUESTS:

David Edgar, Planning, MOTI

Michael Pearson, Operations Manager, MOTI

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni

Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01 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: B. Cole

SECONDED: C. Alemany

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held November 8, 2016.

MOVED: G. Trumper

SECONDED: C. Alemany

THAT the minutes of the AC Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 8, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

Introductions were conducted around the table.

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Powerpoint Presentation regarding the Horne Lake Connector Business Case Final Report October 2016

David Edgar, Planning, MOTI

Mike Pearson, P. Eng., Operations Manager

Vancouver Island District - Central Vancouver Island

Mr. Edgar reviewed the MOTI power point presentation stating there have been many studies completed through ought the years, however never finding a strong enough case to move forward. Mr. Edgar recapped the key aspects of the study. The theme of the proposed improvement projects for Highway 4 is to get parking off the road.

The committee stated there is no growth with this report. Transportation and Infrastructure grows economic development, BC on the move is about improving the economy. There are glaring examples of growth from new highways, Coquihala Hwy enabled Kamloops to explode, the Inland Highway -industry closed in Campbell River but that city continues to grow. There will be a significant increase in traffic to Comox Valley when the new hospitals are operational.

The committee discussed the projects planned, and reiterated there needs to be more discussion and consultation on Cathedral Grove improvements, need to research, mapping and planning, stakeholder consultation, decisions - short and long term improvements. Suggestions for Cathedral Grove - express route through the park, would need to discuss with Nanaimo Regional District, overpass walkway not crosswalk. In past meetings the largest opposition was Qualicum Beach residents, surprisingly it wasn't the environmental constituents; it was the retired generation.

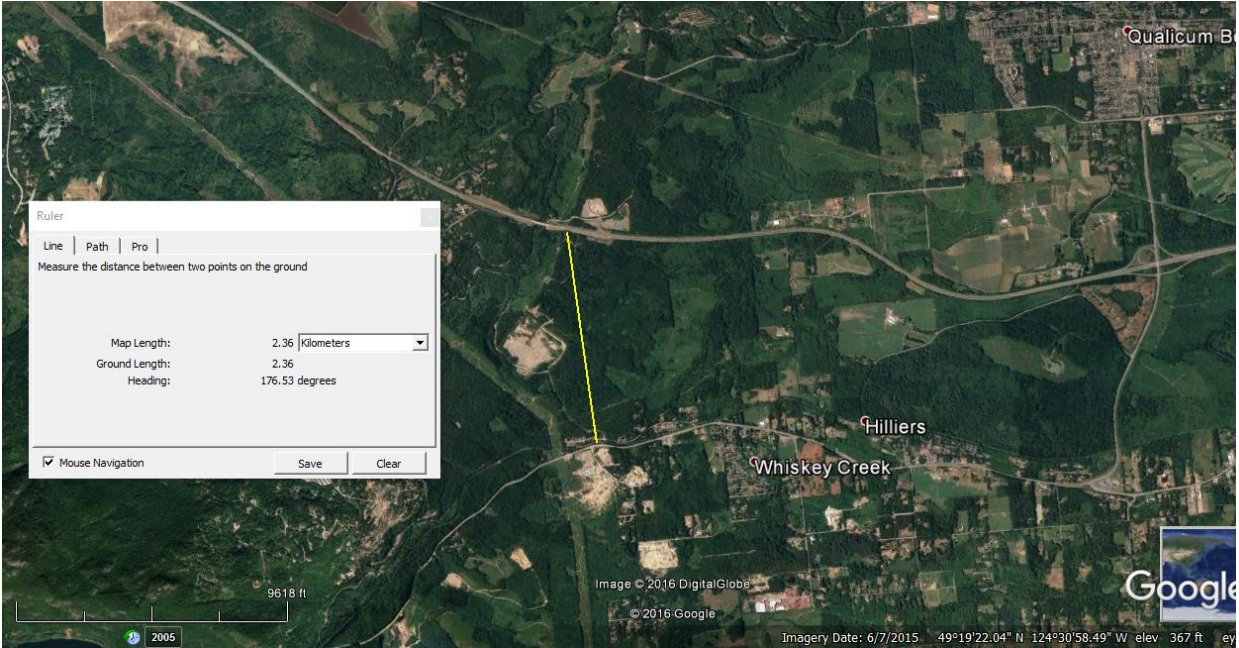
Discussion on how residents get out of the valley, suggested roads to the south use existing logging roads. A huge boulder fell last week along Cameron Lake isolating the valley once again, this is not acceptable. Safety should be of the utmost importance. Committee member Darren Deluca proposed a route from Melrose Road which could save 12 -15 km going north and certainly any traffic going south would divert, it could be relatively cheap, and it actually moves traffic. Regarding this proposed Hwy 4 to Hwy 19 cutoff at Melrose Road would need to know who owns the land, is it drivable, is it financially possible, does it make any sense, consultation would involve the Regional District of Nanaimo. Ministry will take away the suggested route, however any changes to the inland island highway would need consensus and the ACRD is not a signatory to the Agreement.

MOVED: D. Deluca

SECONDED: L. Banton

THAT the Board of Directors request on behalf of the AC Transportation Committee that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure review the suggested proposed Hwy 4 to Hwy 19 cutoff at Melrose Road and respond to the AC Transportation Committee within a reasonable time frame/ 30 days.

CARRIED



The Minister decides the project priorities and the time table.

5. **REPORTS**
6. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **ADJOURN**

*MOVED: D. Deluca
SECONDED: G. Trumper*

THAT this meeting be adjourned 11:30 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Jack McLeman, Co-Chair