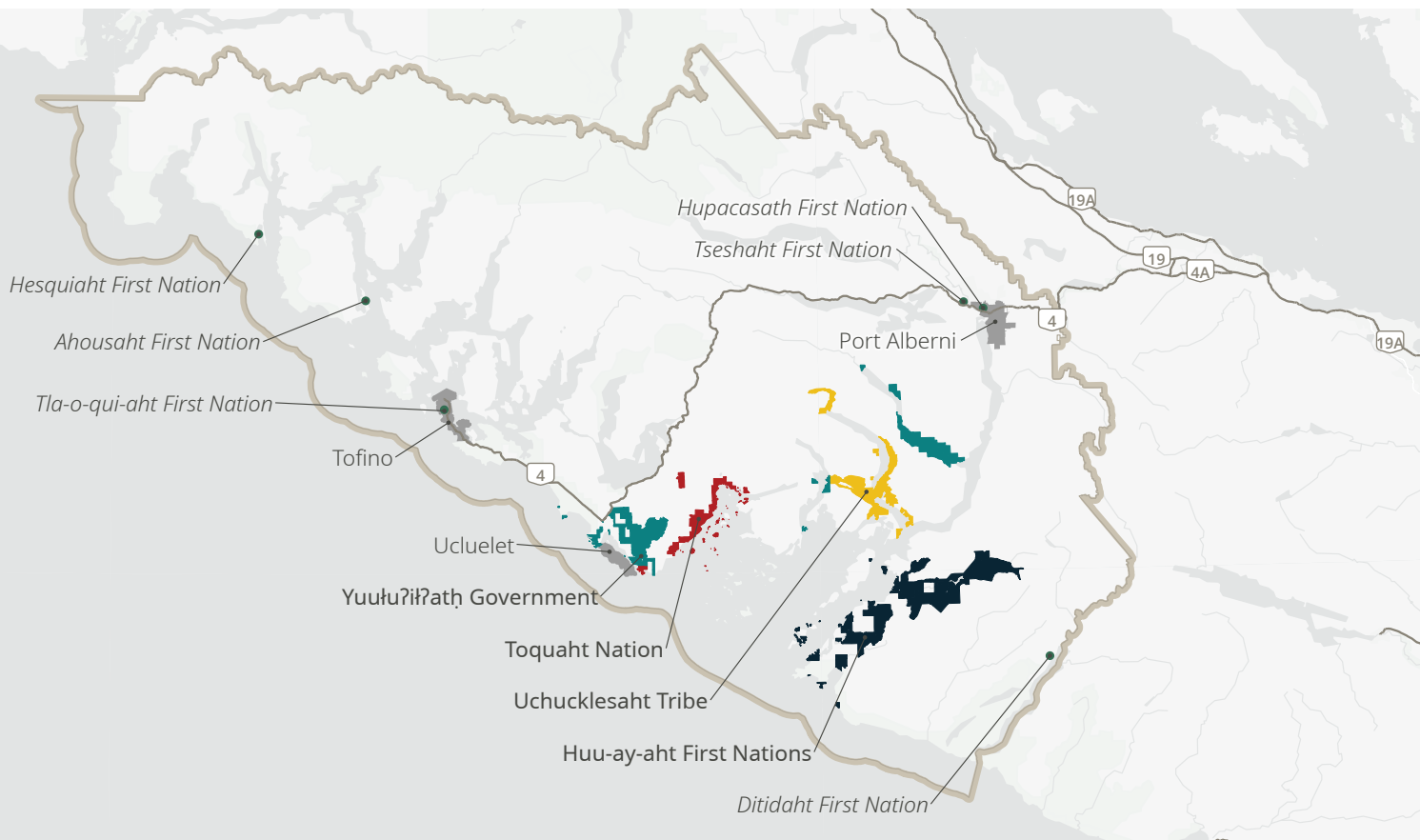




INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

WHAT? The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is a federation of three municipalities (Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet), and four Treaty First Nations (Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Toquaht Nation), and six electoral areas. Working together, the ACRD is working on an inclusive regional governance project sponsored by the province that is working to engage six non-Treaty First Nations in the region (Hupačasath First Nation, Tseshaht First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Ditidaht First Nation, Hesquiaht First Nation) in a conversation about helping get their voices at the ACRD table.



WHY?

The legislation under which the ACRD operates (*Local Government Act*) restricts regional board membership to Treaty First Nations. With the adoption of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* in 2019, the province has committed to addressing this issue and supporting inclusive regional governance by advancing First Nations participation in regional district boards.

The ACRD's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan identifies the importance of fuller participation in local governance for First Nations in the region. Engaging non-Treaty First Nations on the ACRD board will support and enrich important work in the region on shared challenges and opportunities, such as climate change, housing, health and wellbeing, transportation, and regional services like recycling and solid waste.

PROJECT DETAILS

The ACRD began work on this project last year and has already started meeting with non-Treaty First Nations in the region. The ACRD is also sharing information with other regional districts who are working together with the province on this initiative, including the Capital Regional District, Nanaimo Regional District, and the Regional District of Central Okanagan. Work will continue over the spring and summer on this exciting project as we work together to make the ACRD a more inclusive regional government.

MORE INFORMATION?

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