



Around our Region



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meeting for September 2019

SEPTEMBER 11TH BOARD MEETING

DELEGATIONS

Angie (Harris) Fernandes, Director, Wild Coast Canna – The delegation provided a presentation on Wild Coast Canna and introduced their craft cannabis project to the Board.

Warren Arbuckle, 9588 Lakeshore Road Development Variance Application

DVD19002 – The delegation spoke in favour of their application and why it should not be denied by the Board.

Ken Sanders, President, Alberni Valley Golf Club – The delegation provided an update on activities at the Alberni Valley Golf Club over the last year and spoke to the importance of the annual tax exemption to the Club. They requested the continued support of the Board in 2020.

WASTE COMPOSITION AND DIVERSION IN THE ALBERNI VALLEY

The recent waste composition study looked at the garbage being thrown in the Alberni Valley Landfill and showed that on average residential garbage is made of 30% recyclable material and 30% compostable material. Considering there are recycling services available through curbside collection and depots in the Valley, further effort needs to be done to divert recyclable material from the landfill. The current diversion rate is 18% which is well below the target of 50%. Staff will continue to work on education initiatives and begin to investigate a clear bag program for the area.

WEST COAST MULTI USE PATH FUNDING

The Board directed staff to apply for a \$200,000 grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust and to also apply for necessary land tenure with the Province in order to support the construction of the West Coast Multi Use Path. This is the final link needed to connect the two ends of the peninsula creating a continuous Multi Use Path between the communities of Ucluelet, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ, Ty-Histanis, Esowista, Tofino and through the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

FIRESMART FUNDING

The Board supported a grant application through the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment Program for FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the risk of wildfire in the Alberni Valley. The Regional District will invite other partners to collaborate on a regional project for the Alberni Valley.

WEST COAST TRANSIT SERVICE AREA ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW

The Board gave three readings to Bylaw E1062, *West Coast Transit Service Area Establishment Bylaw, 2019* in order to establish and operate a public transportation system on the west coast. The alternative approval process will be the method used to obtain the required electorate approval from the service area prior to creating the service. Watch for more information on this proposed new service and upcoming open houses on the Regional District's website at www.acrd.bc.ca.

UPCOMING MEETINGS— Thursday, October 3, 2019, 10:00 am, West Coast Committee Meeting; Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC.
Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 1:30 pm, Board of Directors Meeting followed by the Regional Hospital District meeting; ACRD Board Room.
Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 1:30 pm, Board of Directors Meeting; ACRD Board Room.
Monday, October 28, 2019, 1:00 pm, Salmon Beach Committee Meeting; ACRD Board Room.

An information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. This is not the official minutes. For more information visit the ACRD Website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact the Manager of Administration Services 250-720-2706 or e-mail wthomson@acrd.bc.ca.

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LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

New garbage rates come into effect November 1, 2019. Visit www.acrd.bc.ca for more information.

