



# Around our Region



## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meetings for January 2020

### JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING

#### WEST COAST CURBSIDE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Board awarded the West Coast Curbside Collection contract to the Ucluelet Rent-it Centre Ltd. for the annual contract value of \$142,732.80 plus GST for a 5-year term.

#### CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

The ACRD is conducting a public process to select a volunteer from Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) to serve on the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Board for a 4-year term ending March 2023. Visit the ACRD website [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) for more information.

#### FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) CONFERENCE

The Board approved sharing 50% of the costs for the Mayors' of the City of Port Alberni & District of Tofino to attend the FCM Conference in Toronto in June 2020.

#### ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' FORUM

The Board authorized the Electoral Area Directors to attend the Electoral Area Directors' Forum, February 4 & 5, 2020 in Richmond, BC. This forum focuses on issues of concern to electoral area directors and provides an opportunity to discuss common problems and share potential solutions.

#### AVRA AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVATION SYSTEM

The Board awarded the purchase of the AVRA Automated Weather Observation System purchase to Spencer Navigation Maintenance Ltd. for \$86,500 plus GST.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**— *Board of Directors* – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm, followed by the *Regional Hospital District*; ACRD Boardroom  
*Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan & Budget)* – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 pm; ACRD Boardroom  
*Committee of the Whole (Grant-in-Aid)* – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom  
*Board of Directors* – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom

### JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> BOARD MEETING

#### DELEGATIONS

**Lori Wilson, ACRD Mapping Technician**, was recognized for 20 years of service with the Regional District and congratulated on her upcoming retirement.

#### Travis Wilson, CBA, General Manager, Tofino

**Bus Lines** – Mr. Wilson provided an overview of their transportation plans in the region since taking over Tofino Bus Lines in Nov 2019, including exploring partnerships with local businesses for depot sites. Service levels to the region will remain the same.

#### Heather Zenner, Results of Royal Roads

**University Masters Project** – Ms. Zenner presented a summary of her project "How might the ACRD cultivate its ability to engage the community in the processes of emergency planning and preparedness in the Alberni Valley?" Visit [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) to view the report and video presentation.

#### BEAVER CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (BCVFD) FIRE CHIEF

Long-term Fire Chief Charlie Starratt retired at the end of November 2019 after serving 37 years on the Department, 27 years as Chief. As per ACRD policy, a recruitment committee was formed to conduct the recruitment of a new chief, which resulted in the committee recommending Mr. Kobus for the position. Mr. Kobus has been a member of the BCVFD since 1992, the last 12 years serving as the Deputy Fire Chief and has an extensive background in fire rescue services. The Board unanimously endorsed the appointment. Congratulations Chief Kobus.

### Board of Directors

**Chair: John Jack**  
(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

**Vice-Chair: Mayor Josie Osborne**  
(District of Tofino)

**Director Bob Beckett**  
(Electoral Area "A"  
Bamfield)

**Director Tanya Shannon**  
(Electoral Area "B"  
Beaufort)

**Director Kel Roberts**  
(Electoral Area "C"  
Long Beach)

**Director: Penny Cote**  
(Electoral Area "D"  
Sproat Lake)

**Director John McNabb**  
(Electoral Area "E"  
Beaver Creek)

**Director Dianne Bodnar**  
(Electoral Area "F"  
Cherry Creek)

**Mayor Sharie Minions**  
(City of Port Alberni)

**Councillor Debbie Haggard**  
(City of Port Alberni)

**Councillor Rachelle Cole**  
(District of Ucluelet)

**Councillor Kirsten Johnsen**  
(Toquaht Nation)

**Councillor Wilfred Cootes**  
(Uchucklesaht Tribe  
Government)

**Councillor Alan McCarthy**  
(Yuułu?i?at? Government)

### AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday,  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
1:30 – 3:30 pm  
Gyro Youth Centre  
3245 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Learn what others  
had to say and tell us  
what you think!

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](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services 250-720-2706 or e-mail [wthomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wthomson@acrd.bc.ca).