



Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Zoom/Board Room (Hybrid) – 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

3:00 pm

Regular Agenda

Watch the meeting live at: <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/18-4-2024/>

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| 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | |
| Recognition of Territories. | |
| Notice to attendees and delegates that this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District Website. | |
| Introductions - Committee Members and Staff present in the Boardroom and via Zoom. | |
| 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
<i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i> | |
| 3. <u>MINUTES</u> | |
| a. Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee Meeting held January 9, 2024 | 3-5 |
| <i>THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee meeting held on January 9, 2024 be received.</i> | |
| 4. <u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (10-minute maximum)</u> | |
| a. Presentation of the ACRD Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study Final Report: | |
| • Summary of Technical Memo #4 (copy of final report to follow) | |
| 5. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION</u> | |

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| a. | GAIL HORVATH
Letter of Support | 6-8 |
| b. | DELONE ABERCROMBIE
Aquatic Centre Survey Results #2 Comments | 9-10 |

THAT the Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee receives correspondence a-b.

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

7. REPORTS

- a. **Update on Board Direction from February 28 ACRD Board Meeting** – ACRD staff – Verbal Report
- b. **Next steps (project)** – review of next steps for the ACRD Aquatic Centre project – ACRD staff – Verbal Report
- c. **Next steps (committee)** – Discussion about the future of the Committee now that it has met its purpose – ACRD staff – Verbal Report

THAT the Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee receives reports a-c.

8. LATE BUSINESS

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public:

- **Participating in Person in the Board Room**
- **Participating in the Zoom meeting**
- **Emailed to the ACRD at responses@acrd.bc.ca**

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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY AQUATIC CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 3:00 PM

Hybrid - Zoom/Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

- DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Debbie Haggard, Chairperson, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Owen Brown, Member at Large, City of Port Alberni
Fred Boyko, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
Mike Sparrow, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Harley Wylie, Tseshah First Nation
Nancy Harvey, Member at Large, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
Colin McLeman, Member at Large, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
Sarah Henshall, Member at Large, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
- REGRETS:** Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
Maurya Tatler, Member at Large, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Brandy Lauder, Councillor, Hupacasath First Nation
Moriah Cootes, Director, Uchucklesaht
- STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer
Janice Hill, Executive Assistant
Heather Thomson, Communications Coordinator
Willa Thorpe, Dir. Of Parks, Recreation & Culture, City of Port Alberni
- GUESTS:** Darin Harding, HCMA
John Buttery, HCMA
CJ Rupp, HCMA

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/9-1-2024/>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

The Chairperson recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The Chairperson reported this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District website.

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Introductions - Committee Members and Staff present in the Boardroom and via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Sparrow

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee Minutes – October 3, 2023

MOVED: Nancy Harvey

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee meeting held on October 3, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Introduction:

- **Owen Brown, Advisory Committee Member**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

7. REPORTS

- a. Survey Results – HCMA Architecture + Design**
HCMA presented a PowerPoint showing the survey results to the Committee.

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Boyko

That the AV Aquatics Advisory Committee receive the presentation on the survey results and recommend that the Board of Directors recommend the Top Scenario (260 Wave Leisure Pool, a 25-6 Lap Pool, a Hot Tub, Slide, Fitness Space, Multi-Purpose Room, Sauna and Steam Room) be considered in a new aquatics facility and that this option be put to an assent vote referendum by electoral area.

CARRIED

- b. Open House Overview – ACRD Staff
ACRD Staff provided an overview of feedback received at the Open House.
- c. Preferred Building Scheme – HCMA Architecture + Design
- d. Budget and Tax Comfort Level Feedback – HCMA Architecture + Design
- e. What is This Information Telling Us? – HCMA Architecture + Design
- f. Next Steps – Closing Out Remaining Scope of This Phase and Move into Next Phase – HCMA Architecture + Design.

MOVED: Director Roth
SECONDED: Director Boyko

THAT the Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee receive the reports.

8. LATE BUSINESS

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public. The Manager of Administrative Services advised there were no questions or comments respecting an agenda topic from public:

- Participating in Person in the ACRD Board Room
- Participating in the Zoom webinar
- Submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

10. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director
SECONDED: Director

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:04 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Debbie Haggard
Chairperson

Janice Hill
Executive Assistant

From: [Gail Horvath](#)
To: [Susan Roth](#); [Aquatics Shared](#)
Subject: We support a new pool
Date: March 8, 2024 2:24:51 PM

[CAUTION] This email originated from outside of the ACRD

Good afternoon Susan and committee,

I live in Beaver Creek and absolutely support a new pool/ aquatic centre. It would be a devastating loss to our Valley if our pool was to close and not be replaced.

The pool is a vital asset in our community and for the many individuals that use it regularly. It is used by people of all ages to strengthen and maintain their bodies for good health. Aquatic centres are used as part of a daily routine after injuries- physio therapy. A pool is not just 'a playground for children', it is a place where whole communities come together for health and social wellbeing.

Studies show....

WORKING TOWARD WELLNESS EQUITY

Decreased risk of chronic illness. Improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. Boosted mood and mental health.

-According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), swimming and water-based exercise can benefit everyone.

-According to the National Institutes of Health, health equity is the state in which everyone can attain full health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or any other socially defined circumstance.

-Community aquatic facilities are vital in filling this gap and creating a more equitable future for people in diverse neighborhoods where significant space, economic, or climate challenges limit swimming pool access.

-Investing in new facilities that nurture public health and well-being seems like a given. After all, the scientific community has clearly established the benefits of physical activity for educational outcomes and illness prevention. ***Public aquatic facilities provide multi-generational benefits in health, wellness, water safety training, and recreational access.***

BREATHING LIFE INTO THE COMMUNITY

Public aquatic programs support and benefit the communities that host them in a myriad of ways:

1. These programs provide multigenerational health and wellness offerings to the community (swim lessons, summer camps, serving as cooling centers, senior fitness/water aerobics classes, and swimming as fitness training).
2. Water safety programs help save lives. According to the CDC, there are strong racial and economic disparities in access to these programs and the risk of death by drowning. Creating more public facilities can help address disparities in private aquatics availability and improve access equity.
3. Aquatics programs allow the community to come together for play, competition, fitness and learning at all ages.
4. Community swim programs at educational facilities create a stronger relationship with the host community, increasing access, public engagement, and recruitment into higher education opportunities.

Opening in 1967, our pool has not had a renovation/upgrade in 57 years. Our pool is at the end of its life.

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I agree that our community money needs to be spent wisely, however, forcing a referendum on such a vital asset to our community is not doing justice to anyone's tax dollars.

Respectfully,

Gail Horvath



(Beaver Creek).

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Aquatics Shared](#)
Subject: Aquatic Centre survey results #2 comments
Date: March 20, 2024 1:13:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

[CAUTION] This email originated from outside of the ACRD

To Whom it may concern,

After listening to the Jan 9th Aquatic Centre Advisory Committee Meeting I have a couple of observations to note about the survey results that I don't think were accurately reflected in the consultant's summary. One needs to be very careful with statistics as they can be presented in a way that may not be entirely accurate leading to incorrect assumptions. The consultants based their final design on what they concluded was the majority vote and this included:

- 6-lane pool as the majority vote (40%) but a majority (**59%**) of respondents actually wanted an 8-lane pool. This result tells me 70.6% of respondents want a 25-meter pool and 59% of respondents want 8 lanes.

Lap Pool Ranking - Overall:

1. The 25-6 Lap Pool – 40%
2. The 25-8 Lap Pool – 30.6%
3. The 50-8 Lap Pool – 29.4%

- 260 wave pool as the majority vote (44.5%) but the majority (55.5%) of respondents did not want a wave pool. This result tells me 83% of respondents want a 260 pool and 55.5% of respondents don't want a wave pool.

Leisure Pool Ranking - Overall:

1. The 260 Wave – 44.5%
2. The 260 – 38.5%
3. The 180 – 17%

A difficulty with the survey questions and subsequent reporting of the findings was the bundling of more than one idea into the answer choices. If these questions asked how many lanes you want vs coupling it with size of pool and do you want a wave pool vs coupling it with size of the pool you would likely have received more accurate results. Coupling several ideas together into response choices is never ideal.

I further noted that the question about taxation: Based on the tax increase predicted for your design, how do you feel about it? had 952 responses. This number is worth noting when the

consultants say that over a thousand people answered the survey. It would be more accurate to provide the range of responses (n=) to each survey question instead of a total survey number that is not meaningful. For example, state that each question was not answered by all respondents. The range of people responding to each question was between 950-1600 and provide an n= for each question.

Please share this information with the advisory committee for their consideration.

Thank-you,

Delone Abercrombie

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