



Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024
10:00 am

Regular Agenda

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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. | |
| 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> | |
| <i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i> | |
| 3. <u>DECLARATIONS</u> | |
| <i>(conflict of interest)</i> | |
| 4. <u>MINUTES</u> | |
| a. Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee Minutes – April 18, 2024 | 3-5 |
| <i>THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on April 18, 2024 be adopted.</i> | |
| 5. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> | |
| a. GoFundMe to create Hawaii Mars Final Flight Documentary | 6-9 |
| b. Letter from David Wiwchar regarding renaming of the Alberni Airport Terminal building to Wallace Watts Terminal | 10-11 |
| 6. <u>REPORTS</u> | |

- a. **AVRA Terms of Reference – J. Brunn, General Manager of Community Services** **12-16**
- b. **AVRA Operations and Projects Verbal Update – Mark Fortune, Airport Manager**

7. **LATE BUSINESS**
(requires 2/3 majority vote)

8. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public:

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

9. **IN CAMERA**
(ALL/UNWEIGHTED)

Motion to close the meeting to the public as per the Community Charter, section:

- i. 90 (1) (c) : labour relations or other employee relations.*

10. **ADJOURN**



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, 10:00 AM

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

MEMBERS

Mike Ruttan, Chairperson, Member at Large

PRESENT:

Cindy Solda, City of Port Alberni

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

Moriah Cootes, Director, Uchucklesaht Tribe

Michael Hoff, Member at Large

Harley Wylie, Councillor, Tseshaht First Nation

Shelley Chrest, Port Alberni Port Authority

Mike Cann, Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Hakon Askerhaug, Coulson Aviation

REGRETS:

Dean Sept, Member at Large, Alberni Valley

Chris Washington, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Dan Savard, Member at Large

Brandy Lauder, Chief Councillor, Hupacasath First Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Fortune, Airport Manager

Wendy Hayes, Community Services Assistant

Michael McGregor, Lands and Resources Coordinator

Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/18-4-2024/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

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.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Solda

SECONDED: H. Wylie

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. **Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee Minutes – January 18, 2024**

MOVED: C. Solda

SECONDED: P. Cote

THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on January 18, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

7. REPORTS

- a. **AVRA Terms of Reference – J. Brunn, General Manager of Community Services**
b. **OLS Clearing Update – M. McGregor, Lands and Resources Coordinator**

MOVED: C. Solda

SECONDED: H. Wylie

THAT the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee receives report b and that the Committee defer discussion on the AVRA Terms of Reference to a future meeting to receive additional information from staff.

8. LATE BUSINESS

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public.

Roger Haggerty from the Alberni Valley Drag Race Association highlighted that they are applying to the ACRD Board of Directors to have a drag race at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport in 2024, and will be a delegation at the May 8, 2024 ACRD Board of Directors meeting.

The Community Services Assistant advised there were no questions or comments respecting an agenda topic from public:

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

10. **ADJOURN**

MOVED: P. Cote
SECONDED: H. Wylie

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:38 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Mike Ruttan,
Chairperson

Wendy Hayes,
Community Services Assistant

[CAUTION] This email originated from outside of the ACRD

Hi Jenny,

Could this please be included as an information item on our agenda for Thursday? I'll send you the correct link shortly.

Mike
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Mosdell <[REDACTED]>
Date: June 8, 2024 at 11:08:39 PM PDT

Subject: GoFundME for making a Hawaii Mars documentary of the final flight and the origin rescue story behind it

Hi everyone in Port Alberni!

The BC Aviation Museum's Save the Mars Team is truly appreciative of all your support to save the Hawaii Mars here on the Island.

Behind the scenes the puzzle pieces keep growing and the team is working on this project everyday.

Local press announced the final flight as August 10, but the donor has yet to confirm therefore watch for the museum's press release next week.

The RCMP predict more people will come to watch the arrival in Victoria than when the late Queen visited Victoria in 2002.

But we do need everyone's help to fund the documentary expenses.

A great group of local media professionals are volunteering to capture the video and photos of this rescue project, but they have real expenses to cover including travel, new equipment, new data storage, production rentals and licensing.

This GoFundMe target is actually small for a documentary as it is seed money to attract a broadcaster to fund it further.

Media captured will be posted daily and ultimately a stunning feature length documentary will be created for the international festival circuit, even Cannes is in our sights.

This request is also going to go out to the major aviation networks over the next week, some of which are used to raising \$\$, but we do hope for the Valley's support to get the ball rolling.

May I please ask you to promote this GoFundMe campaign to your community.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you so much!

Richard

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-make-the-hawaii-mars-final-flight-documentary>

"The Hawaii Mars saved BC, now it's time for BC to save the Mars."

Please donate to help fund the making of the documentary of this once in a lifetime final flight and the origin rescue story, all of which is to be produced by local professional filmmakers.

Please share too because the Hawaii Mars will soon be a Heritage Canada certified national treasure since it means so much to so many people.

[Short origin film of the rescue of the Hawaii Mars](#)

Thank you!

Richard

Richard Mosdell

Save the Mars project lead

BC Aviation Museum

at the Victoria International Airport

www.bcam.net



Donate to help make the Hawaii Mars final flight documentary

 Richard Mosdell is organizing this fundraiser.

 Donation protected

"The Mars once saved BC, it is now time for BC to save the Mars."

The BC Aviation Museum is now asking the public to help it raise money specifically for making a documentary of the final flight of the Hawaii Mars water bomber to the museum.

This iconic aircraft is both an engineering marvel and truly a beautiful work of art.

The Hawaii Mars has been beloved by many for over its 8 decades of service, first in the US Navy as a troop transport from in both WW2 and the Korean War, and afterwards for the majority of this time as the world's largest ever water bomber, operating on the west coast from Sproat Lake, Port Alberni on Vancouver Island in BC, Canada.

When you heard the Hawaii Mars coming, you felt safe.

The sentimental attachment runs deeper than just being a flying boat as it is more akin to a long-serving, trustworthy sailing ship of old.

The BC Aviation Museum at the Victoria International Airport is in 2024 going to receive the Hawaii Mars as a donation from owner Coulson Aviation.

[Watch the short film](#) of how the origin of the Save the Mars project.

But we need your help to donate now.

Whether you are a Mars fan, a former Mars staffer, a Port Alberni resident, an aviation buff, an aerospace worker, a BC forest service employee or just someone who wishes to preserve one of the most iconic aircraft not only in Canada, but the world, everyone's donation goes along way.

The preparation, flight and arrival are a once in a life time experience, plus there is an incredible backstory of how this unique rescue came about.

And there are former Mars pilots, engineers, staff and related family going back many decades who have their own amazing stories to share about this aircraft's profound impact on wildfire fighting and the positive emotional bonds that were created with numerous communities in Canada and the US.

While a dedicated team of volunteer professional filmmakers are ready to donate their time capture this unfolding rescue story happening now, there are numerous real expenses needing to be covered to get the Mars media team into action today for us all to benefit from.

All the funds collected will immediately begin to be applied to this specific project, and the goal amount is both the minimum required to complete it to the professional level it deserves, plus the ideal amount to show potential media investors and distributors that our community is serious about producing a world class documentary.

We warmly thank you in advance for your support towards this important and time sensitive project.

Sincerely,
Richard Mosdell
Save the Mars project lead
BC Aviation Museum
at the Victoria International Airport
www.bcam.net

FACT SHEET

FLIGHT The Hawaii Martin Mars water bomber will fly south across the communities on beautiful Vancouver Island to arrive in Victoria for everyone to witness as an amazing once in the lifetime experience.

ROUTE & DATE TO BE CONFIRMED: The Hawaii Mars will take off from Sproat Lake, Port Alberni and then land on the ocean at Patricia Bay in the Saanich Inlet directly beside the Victoria Airport on TO BE CONFIRMED DATE BY DONOR.

ARRIVAL TO MOVING: After arrival, it will be de-watered the next day at the Institute of Ocean Sciences and Canadian Coast Guard, and then the aircraft will be lifted into a state-of-the-art 360 degree cargo carrier to be slowly moved around several buildings before being carried across the Victoria Airport to rest beside the museum.

ICONIC: Almost everyone in BC has a Mars water bomber story as for over 6 decades it had an incredibly positive impact in Canadian aviation firefighting, and the aircraft is beloved by many especially since the Hawaii Mars is one of only two left in the world

BIGGEST: With a wingspan of over 200 feet, this will be one of the Biggest (in every sense) attractions in Victoria and on Vancouver Island.

PERFORMANCE In its firefighting days it could drop more than 25,000 litres of water on each run!

FIRST-TIME EVER PUBLIC ACCESS: Once settled in at its specially designed forever home location at the museum, we are planning a uniquely designed OPEN experience format so that everyone may visit the Hawaii Mars to get up close and personal with it, even to sit in the 4-story cockpit.

SHARING THE JOURNEY: This forever home flight will be recorded for both daily video and photo updates, as well as a final full production documentary of how the museum rescued the Hawaii Mars for preservation at the Victoria Airport.

GLOBAL FANS: As the number one vintage aircraft story of the years, the international interest in the final flight and the Hawaii Mars itself has already created well over 5 million social media hits.

NEW HAWAII MARS FANS: This new crown jewel in the museum's BC Wildfire Aviation Exhibit will absolutely bring forward the amazing history and stories of the Mars to a whole new audience, fueling the explosive interest the BC Aviation Museum has been experiencing since the original announcement on getting the aircraft.

Donate

Share

Organizer



Richard Mosdell
Organizer
North Saanich, BC

Contact

Words of support

Please donate to share words of support.

From: David Wiwchar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:53:29 AM
To: dsailand@acrd.bc.ca <dsailand@acrd.bc.ca>
Cc: Pat Deakin <patrick_deakin@portalberni.ca>; daniellsavard@gmail.com <daniellsavard@gmail.com>
Subject: Naming Alberni Airport terminal building

[REDACTED]

For inclusion in upcoming Alberni Valley Regional Airport Committee meeting

Dear Board members:

I respectfully request the Alberni Airport terminal building, and any future terminal building be named the Wallace Watts Terminal.

Wallace “Wally” Watts is the son of Tom Watts and Dolly McRae.

He grew up on the Tseshaht Reserve and became fascinated with planes at an early age, and hung around the old airport when it was located at the estuary, getting his pilots licence at the age of 15.

Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper recently did a cover story on him:

<https://www.hashilthsa.com/news/2024-01-26/port-alberni-career-international-airspace-tseshaht-member-shares-his-story>

Wally recently retired after 38 years of flying and was the only “American Indian” pilot within United Airlines. He was also one of the most senior pilots in the company, commonly flying the longest distance routes.

Wallace Nagedzi Dzangwal Watts is an Alberni Valley success story. The fact that he is a First Nations (Tseshaht / Gitksan) person makes his success even more worthy of celebration, given the challenges he faced to get to his esteemed position.

I hope you will give this request serious consideration, and I look forward to eventually covering the unveiling of the Wallace Watts Airport Terminal.

David Wiwchar

Operations Manager / News Director

93.3 The PEAK (CJAV-FM)

3296 3rd Ave, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 4E1





To: AVRA Advisory Committee

From: Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Meeting Date: April 18th, 2024

Subject: AVRA Terms of Reference Update

Summary:

At the March 27th, 2024 ACRD Board meeting, the AVRA terms of reference were updated as attached. Coulson's has elected to have Hakon Askerhaug represent Coulson's on this Committee.

Reviewed by: Jenny Brunn
Jenny Brunn, Community Services General Manager

Approved by: Cynthia Dick
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services



To: ACRD Board of Directors

From: Alisha Feser, Airport Project Planner

Meeting Date: March 27th, 2024

Subject: AVRA Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference Amendment

Recommendation:

THAT the ACRD Board of Directors approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee as presented.

Desired Outcome:

To improve governance efficiency for the Alberni Valley Regional Airport (AVRA) Advisory Committee.

Summary:

ACRD staff are proposing an amendment to the AVRA Advisory Committee Terms of Reference to add a representative from Coulson Airplane Ltd to the Committee. Specifically, the amendment will be in the Terms of Reference under Membership to add: One (1) member representing AVRA's anchor tenant, Coulson Airplane Ltd.

Policy or Legislation:

The *Local Government Act* provides the designated authority for Regional District Boards to create standing committees.

Submitted by: Jenny Brunn
Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Reviewed by: Cynthia Dick
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services

Approved by: Daniel Sailland
Daniel Sailland, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Terms of Reference Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee

Introduction

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District has formed the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee to facilitate participation from local government, First Nations, business and community interests within the Alberni Valley on matters associated with the development of the Alberni Valley Regional Airport.

The Airport Advisory Committee is a standing committee of the ACRD and reports directly to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board.

Definitions

ACRD means the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Airport means the Alberni Valley Regional Airport.

Board means the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors.

Committee means the Alberni Valley Regional Airport Advisory Committee.

Objective

The Committee reviews, reports and advises the Board on matters concerning the long-term development of the Airport.

Scope of Work

To achieve this objective, the Committee will review and advise the A Board on the following:

- a. Promoting and marketing the Airport
- b. Encouraging the development of improved air services to the region
- c. Review and make recommendations on identified Airport matters as requested by the Board
- d. Gather and provide community input with respect to Airport plans and activities impacting the community
- e. Review and provide input on issues impacting the Airport and Airport lands

- f. Advise on matters relating to Airport services such as; development planning, economic development, operations, maintenance and safety.

All Committee deliberations and recommendations to the Board will be guided by the ACRD’s Strategic Plan.

Membership

In order to provide representation from all areas served by the Airport, as well as business and community interests, membership of the Committee is as follows:

- a. One (1) member nominated from the Tseshaht First Nation
- b. One (1) member nominated from the Hupacasath First Nation
- c. One (1) member nominated from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
- d. One (1) member nominated from the Port Alberni Port Authority
- e. Two (2) members at-large representing the business community in the Alberni Valley
- f. One (1) member at-large representing Electoral Area “D” (Sproat Lake)
- g. One (1) ACRD Director from the City of Port Alberni nominated by the City of Port Alberni
- h. One (1) ACRD Director from the Alberni Valley Electoral Areas (Beaufort, Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek, Cherry Creek)
- i. The ACRD Director (1) from the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government
- j. One (1) member nominated from the Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department
- k. One (1) member representing AVRA’s anchor tenant, Coulson Aircrane Ltd.

Appointment and Term

Members shall be appointed by the ACRD Board of Directors for a two-year term.

The ACRD Board may, at any time, remove any member of the Committee and any member of the Committee may resign at any time upon sending written notice to the Chairperson of the Committee.

Members may stand for re-appointment by the ACRD Board at the conclusion of their term.

Non ACRD members of the Committee serve without remuneration.

In the event of a vacancy occurring during the regular term of office, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by an alternate nominated by the Committee and approved by the ACRD Board of Directors.

Chair

The Committee shall, at its first inaugural meeting annually, elect a Chairperson from amongst its members.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Committee Chairperson and shall be held quarterly on the day and time agreed to by the Committee members.

The Chair of the Committee may call a special meeting of the Committee.

A majority of the Committee members shall represent a quorum, one of whom must be a Director of the ACRD Board.

Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted and held in accordance with the ACRD's Procedures Bylaw.

ACRD staff will provide support to the Committee including preparing agendas and reports, recording minutes of all meetings and ensuring Committee agendas, minutes, etc. are forwarded electronically for circulation to all members.

Reporting

Committee recommendations must be adopted by the Committee by way of motions, prior to presentation for consideration by the Board.

The Committee will provide a status report to the Board following each meeting. The Committee will report to the ACRD Board annually on the activities of the Committee.

Regional District staff will provide advice and professional assistance to the Committee including drafting correspondence and reports.

Amended by the ACRD Board	May 13, 2020, February 10, 2021, May 25, 2022, January 25, 2023
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