



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, 1:30 PM

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

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### MEMBERS

Bob Beckett, Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area "A" Bamfield

### PRESENT:

Mike Sparrow, Director, Electoral Area "F" Cherry Creek

Cindy Solda, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Marilyn McEwen, Director, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Dan Law, Mayor, District of Tofino

Colin Koszman, Land Use Forester, Mosaic Forest Management

Michael Pearson, District Manager, Transportation, Vancouver Island, Ministry of Transportation & Transit

Dean Fauchon, Manager, Contract Services, Tsawak-qin Forestry

John McNabb, Member at Large

Arne Elias, Director, Port Alberni Port Authority

Jolleen Dick, Chief Executive Officer, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

Marcie Dewitt, Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network

Ken McRae, Member at Large

Tiffany Olsen, Executive Director, Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce

### REGRETS:

Levana Mastrangelo, Director, Executive Legislature, Yuułu?if?ath Government

Brandy Lauder, Chief Councillor, Hupacasath First Nation

Judith Sayers, President, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Ken Watts, Chief Councillor, Tseshaht First Nation

Josh Jenkins, Executive Director, Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce

**OTHERS PRESENT** Jim MacDonald, Director of Infrastructure Services, City of Port Alberni

### STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Mike Irg, Special Projects Director

Kristin Kerr-Donohue, Administrative Assistant

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/16-12-2025/7757/?catid=0>

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

The Vice-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: J. McNabb*

*SECONDED: C. Solda*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS**

**4. MINUTES**

**a. Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes – November 5, 2025**

*MOVED: C. Solda*

*SECONDED: K. McRae*

*THAT the minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held on November 5, 2025 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS**

**a. Request for Decision regarding ACRD Secondary Route and Emergency Route Engagement Strategy**

T. Olsen joined the meeting at 2:00 PM

*MOVED: J. McNabb*

*SECONDED: C. Solda*

*THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend the ACRD Board of Directors;*

- 1. Approve the lobbying strategy and direct staff to implement immediate next steps as identified in the December 16, 2025, report.*

2. Allocate the identified staff time in the 2026 budget to create a vision consensus toward achieving a coordinated regional lobbying effort to request the Province of BC to:

- a. Establish an emergency access route as an immediate priority;
- b. Continue a phased approach for a viable secondary access road/highway that is open year-round.

**CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS**

- a. Discussion for next meeting date in 2026 (Verbal) – M. Irg  
February meeting recommended.

**9. LATE BUSINESS**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public. The Administrative Assistant 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca).

**11. ADJOURN**

MOVED: J. McNabb

SECONDED: C. Solda

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:37 PM.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

*Mike Sparrow*

Mike Sparrow,  
Vice-Chairperson

*Kristin Kerr-Donohue*

Kristin Kerr-Donohue,  
Administrative Assistant