



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE BEAVER CREEK WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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

MEMBERS Susan Roth, Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area “E” (Beaver Creek)

PRESENT: Pam Craig
Gord Blakey
Harold Carlson
Christy Arsenault
Jim Warm
Brad Jasken

STAFF PRESENT: Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services
Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services
Mike Kobus, Fire Chief, Beaver Creek Vol. Fire Department
James Burslem, Operations Assistant
Matt McLeod, Water Utilities Leadhand
Keith Looker, Maintenance Technician

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:
<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/13-2-2025/>.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: B. Jasken

SECONDED: G. Blakey

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. MINUTES

a. Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee Meeting held November 14, 2024.

MOVED: G. Blakey

SECONDED: B. Jasken

THAT the minutes of the Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee meeting held on November 14, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. James Burslem, New Operations Assistant - Introduction

6. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

a. Request for Decision regarding BCWS Rate Review.

MOVED: G. Blakey

SECONDED: B. Jasken

THAT the Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors approve amendments to Bylaw F1148, Beaver Creek Water Local Service Area Rates and Regulations Bylaw, to include a water rate increase of \$7.38 per quarter for Single Family Residential and \$9.01 per quarter for secondary services on the same lot and commercial connections, effective April 1, 2025, and change the table in "Schedule A" to note rate per quarter instead of month.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a. FAQ Document Construction – Verbal.

Staff provided an update on a Frequently Asked Question document for the ACRD website. Provided two Q&A examples from the City of Port Alberni and City of Campbell River. Staff will develop this document and add to the ACRD website in the future. Committee recommends concise answers. Committee members indicated that it has been difficult to find the Beaver Creek Water Emergency number on the ACRD website.

b. BCWS Leak Detection Report.

Staff provided a summary of the Leak Detection Report.

c. Next Quarter at a Glance

Staff provided an overview of the activities of the Beaver Creek Water System over the next quarter.

d. Alternative Water Source Supply Study

Staff provided an overview of the Alternative Water Source Supply Study. Committee members indicated that the Stamp River shouldn't fall below a certain level as long as the dams above are maintained (as long as the water is held back). Committee members also indicated that turbidity is a concern on the Stamp River near the Stamp River Campground. Pump station had to be back flushed to get rid of the turbidity. Great Central Lake (GCL) was discussed as a water source but there are concerns with the dam and fish flows. Beaver Creek Electoral Area couldn't support a water system alone and would need to look at a regional water system. Truman Creek has major turbidity. Staff indicated that more information on the Beaver Creek Bulk Water agreement will come to the next meeting, as discussions are still underway with the City of Port Alberni. The committee asked if the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) have water license on Great Central Lake (or be involved with the dam). Staff will enquire with RDN. Committee discussed regional water with the potential inclusion of other electoral areas.

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: B. Jasken
SECONDED: H. Carlson

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:22 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Susan Roth

Susan Roth,
Chairperson

Heather Zenner

Heather Zenner,
Manager of Administrative Services