



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:00 am

Zoom/Ucluelet Council Chambers (Hybrid) - George Fraser Community Room, Ucluelet  
Community Centre, 50 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC

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### MEMBERS

Tom Stere, Chairperson, Councillor, District of Tofino

### PRESENT:

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

### REGRETS:

Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?iþ?ath Government

Bob Anderson, Administrator, Hesquiaht First Nation

John Rampanen, Chief Councillor, Ahousaht First Nation

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

### STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Tovell, Acting Park Superintendent, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Seth Wright, Senior Manager, Government Relations

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/19-2-2025/7618/?catid=0>

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Manager of Administrative Services called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

The Manager of Administrative Services recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuuchahnulth territories.

The Manager of Administrative Services 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. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2025

### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The MAS conducted the election for Chairperson of West Coast Committee for 2025.

The MAS declared Director Stere to the position of Chairperson for the West Coast Committee for 2025.

### **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The MAS conducted the election of Vice-Chairperson of the West Coast Committee for 2025.

The MAS declared Director McEwen to the position of Vice-Chairperson for the West Coast Committee for 2025.

Director Stere assumed the Chair.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. DECLARATIONS**

### **4. MINUTES**

#### **a. West Coast Committee Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2024**

*MOVED: Director McEwen*

*SECONDED: Director Siga*

*THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on December 4, 2024 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### **5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

#### **a. Seth Wright, Senior Manager, Government Relations, update on BC Transit service in West Coast.**

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7. REQUESTS FOR DECISIONS**

#### **a. Request for Decision regarding Millstream Water Rate Review**

*MOVED: Director McEwen*  
*SECONDED: Director Siga*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors approve amendments to Bylaw F1144, Millstream Water Local Services Area Rates and Regulations, 2019, to include a water rate increase of \$20 per quarter effective April 1, 2025, and change the language in Part 1 of Schedule A to be consistent in communicating charges per quarter.*

**CARRIED**

**b. Request for Decision regarding Annual Review – West Coast Committee Terms of Reference, 2025**

*MOVED: Director Siga*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee request that the West Coast Committee Terms of Reference be updated to change the name of Pacific Rim National Park to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.*

**CARRIED**

**c. Request for Decision regarding 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan – West Coast Services**

*MOVED: Director Siga*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the Long Beach Airport proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2025-2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was recessed at 10:58 am.*  
*The meeting was reconvened at 11:01 am.*

*MOVED: Director McEwen*  
*SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Emergency Coordination – proposed service budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2025-2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Stere*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that options to reduce the West Coast Grants-in-Aid budget be provided at the March 5th Committee of the Whole meeting.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Siga  
SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Multiplex Service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2025-2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director McEwen  
SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Transit Service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2025-2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director McEwen  
SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Waste Management service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2025-2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.*

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS**

### **a. Area C (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan Update**

*MOVED: Director Siga  
SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee receive the Area C (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan Update as presented.*

**CARRIED**

### **b. Long Beach Airport – Water Systems Improvements and Investments Update**

### **c. Ex-Officio Member Updates**

- Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Update

Entered into a five-year lease with ACRD for two properties at the Long Beach Airport. Continuing the Management Plan update, in coordination with nine First Nations. Just completed discussions on the Long Beach Unit, will be finalizing the framework and sending to each government leadership from all Nations and Parks Canada. Public engagement will occur at a later date in 2025 to scope and prioritize for the Management Plan. Parks Canada and twelve First Nations are developing a memorandum of understanding on a feasibility assessment to create a Nation Marine Conservation Reserve area on the Vancouver Island shelf. Nine First Nations have signed the MOU, and three more to sign.

- Ahousaht First Nation Update. No report.
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Update. No report.
- Hesquiaht First Nation Update. No report.

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director Siga*

*THAT the West Coast Committee receive the verbal reports.*

**CARRIED**

**9. LATE BUSINESS**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public.

Samantha Hackett, West Coast Multiplex Society ask a question about the budget for West Coast Multiplex Society and how a consultant or staff would be engaged.

The Manager of Administrative Services 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca).

**11. IN-CAMERA**

**12. ADJOURN**

*THAT this meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

*Tom Stere*

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Tom Stere  
Chairperson

*Heather Zenner*

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Heather Zenner,  
Manager of Administrative Services