



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025, 1:30 PM

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

DIRECTORS

Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

PRESENT:

Bob Beckett, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Fred Boyko, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

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

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

Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

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

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation

REGRETS:

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

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

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

John Jack, Vice-Chairperson, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/19-11-2025/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The Chairperson recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuuchahnulth territories.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Sparrow

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 22, 2025

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on October 22, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Jesse Tarbotton, Director, Capital Planning, Real Estate and Leasing, Island Health regarding Tofino General Hospital and new role of the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Director Johnsen joined the meeting at 1:50 pm.

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors send a letter to Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health and MLA for Mid-Island Pacific Rim to express the Hospital District's disappointment with the decision to not approve the Tofino General Hospital Concept Plan and request that immediate action be taken from the Ministry of Infrastructure to respond with the comprehensive technical information that is required to inform a revised Concept Plan in order to advance the project to the Business Development phase.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors send a letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure with an invitation to attend a future Regional Hospital District Board meeting to discuss their decision to not approve the Tofino General Hospital Concept Plan.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- a. **Island Health**
News Release – New Report highlights health gains and inequities in the Island Health region.

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Boyko

THAT this correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

8. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

9. REPORTS

- a. **Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett-** No report.
- b. **Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – V. Siga-** the Society is experiencing financial difficulties due to aging infrastructure putting a strain on the capital budget and the operating budget is constrained by slow funding transfers from Island Health for mandated staff wage increase. This is impacting services as it results in decreased staffing and cutbacks on programing.
- c. **West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote-** No report, next meeting November 20, 2025.
- d. **Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors-** met with new Site Director for TGH. Acknowledged Island Health for the opening of the Ucluelet Health Centre as it will benefit all the communities in the west coast region. Noted that aging infrastructure continues to be of concern, as sea cans are being used for appointments. Regarding the announcement of emergency room closures throughout the island, Tofino General Hospital is not at risk for a closure. Attended Health Forward Summit hosted by Nanaimo Regional District.
- e. **Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote/ V. Siga-** ACHN is in the process of recruiting for membership as well as gathering information through a Vital Signs Survey.
- f. **West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors-** Island Health has announced a temporary closure of the WCGH Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Emergency room services will continue, and patients will be treated and stabilized at WCGH, however, clients requiring prolonged admittance into ICU

will be transferred to another Hospital. Temporary change of service is due to lack of local specialized staffing, and Island Health is working to fill current vacancies. Chairperson and CAO are meeting with the Minister of Health on November 21, 2025, to discuss this announcement. Directors are encouraged to direct questions and correspondence to Island Health or their MLA.

- g. Other Reports- Health Forward Summit- P. Cote/ T. Stere-** Regional District of Nanaimo hosted the Health Forward Summit on November 13, 2025. Director Cote attended on behalf of the Hospital District. Director Stere attended as a representative from the District of Tofino. There were sessions facilitated on AI, Preventative Healthcare, Investment in Healthcare Infrastructure and a Shared Path to Wellness with Indigenous Healing Practices. The Summit was well attended by representatives from Island Health, physicians, local and First Nations governments, and provincial officials. A report will be provided on the Summit and shared with Directors once it is available. There was a facilitated problem-solving session in the afternoon and in the report key takeaways will be provided. This included discussions regarding the challenges with recruiting health practitioners to the area including housing and other opportunities.

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Stere

THAT the Regional Hospital Board of Directors receives reports a-g.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. LATE BUSINESS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public. The General 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.

13. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Sparrow

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 2:53 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Debbie Haggard

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Chairperson

Cynthia Dick

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General Manager of Administrative Services