



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2025

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

- DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
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)
Mike Sparrow, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Cindy Solda, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet
Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government
John Jack, Vice-Chairperson, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations
- REGRETS:** Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni
Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino
Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation
Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?it?atḥ Government
- STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer
Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Dyer, General Manager of Planning & Development
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services
Charlie Starratt, Regional Fire Services Manager
Mark Fortune, Airport Manager
Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager
Michael McGregor, Lands and Resources Coordinator
Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:
<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/22-10-2025/>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Solda

SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – September 10, 2025

MOVED: Director Jack

SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District meeting held on September 10, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Island Health

- **From silence to support – starting the conversation about suicide**
- **Island Health encourages healthy habits for a strong start to the school year**

MOVED: Director Cootes

SECONDED: Director Solda

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.** Attended a strategic planning session recently.
- c. **West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote.** No report.
- d. **Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors.** Director McEwen spoke about the opening of the Ucluelet Medical Clinic.
- e. **Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote/V. Siga.** ACHN is canvassing for new members. Vital Signs survey is open. Acknowledged the death of Ellen Froid and her contribution to the community.
- f. **West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors.**
- g. **Other Reports**
Community Health Panel Discussion – Verbal Update – D. Haggard had a call with Ministry of Infrastructure and Minister of Health on September 2nd to understand the role and responsibilities of this new Ministry. The Ministry is responsible for capital infrastructure for health care facilities and schools. Theme at UBCM was the challenges in health care. Participated in a panel discussion on ‘Health Care – The Heart of the Community’, along with the Minister of Health, the President and CEO of Northern Health and Island Health, a councillor from the City of Oliver and Mayor from Burns Lake. The session explored the challenges and opportunities for improving health care in rural and remote communities of the province.
Recently met with doctors and school district officials. Lack of housing has been identified as an issue for new medical staff. Attended a meeting at UBCM with the District of Tofino and Island Health to show support for their proposed hospital, sobering and assessment centre and staff housing. Attended a meeting last night at the Port Alberni Health Summit. This group continue to advocate for the health needs of our community. There has been some success in hiring some medical professionals, but unfortunately no family doctors.

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Hospital Board of Directors request that staff organize a meeting between the ACRD staff, Mayor of Port Alberni, Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Uchucklesaht, Ucluelet, Toquaht, Huu-ay-aht, MLA Osborne, and MP Johns, to voice the healthcare needs of our communities.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Solda

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 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 Solda

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:23pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Debbie Haggard,
Chairperson

Heather Zenner,
Manager of Administrative Services