



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE BAMFIELD AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, October 7, 2025, 6:00 PM

Zoom

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### DIRECTORS

#### PRESENT:

Bob Beckett, Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)  
Lisa Bye, Community Volunteer  
John Mass, Community Volunteer  
Bob Schmitt, Community Volunteer  
Christine Gruman, Community Volunteer

#### REGRETS:

John Jack, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations  
Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services  
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services  
Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager  
Karen Freethy, Protective Services Manager

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/7-10-2025/>

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Introductions - Committee Members and Staff present via Zoom.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOVED: J. Mass*

*SECONDED: L. Bye*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS**

**4. MINUTES**

**a. Bamfield Area Services Committee Minutes – June 3, 2025**

*MOVED: J. Mass*  
*SECONDED: B. Schmitt*

*THAT the minutes of the Bamfield Area Services Committee meeting held on June 3, 2025 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

Christine Gruman joined the meeting at 6:06 pm.

**b. Bamfield Parks Commission Minutes – September 8, 2025**

*MOVED: C. Gruman*  
*SECONDED: J. Mass*

*THAT the minutes of the Bamfield Area Services Committee meeting held on September 8, 2025 be received.*

**CARRIED**

**5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS**

**a. Request for Decision regarding Bamfield Transfer Station Operator Contract Award**

*MOVED: B. Schmitt*  
*SECONDED: L. Bye*

*THAT the Bamfield Area Services Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors award the Bamfield Transfer Station Recycling Coordinator three (3) year contract to Patrick McNamara, in an annual amount starting at \$24,000.00 and subject to annual adjustments based on CPI.*

**CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS**

**a. Emergency Operations Centre – Verbal Update – Karen Freethy**

The fire is classified as under control. BC Wildfire Service continues to respond as the wildfire is still smoldering in some areas.

A 1.5-kilometre stretch of Bamfield Main Road remains closed due to unstable slopes affected by fire. MOTT continues to lead efforts to safely re-open Bamfield Main Road, in co-operation with Mosaic Forest Management. Removing over 1,000 danger trees on very challenging terrain. Work had to be suspended on Sunday due to safety concerns because the public gathering at either end of the closure. Work could not resume until the site safety was restored for workers.

Slope stability and danger tree fall cannot be done during adverse weather conditions. Signage, road base, and road surface repairs will follow the completion of the danger tree falling activities. Subject to weather, MOTT are hoping to have the road opened by the end of October. MOTT will be installing road closure gates in the event the road needs to be proactively closed. MOTT will be developing pre-determined thresholds and protocols on when the gates will be closed for safety. MOTT is installing a weather station to collect localized data on precipitation and wind speed conditions.

The Youbou detour route is being maintained by the Ditidaht First Nation in coordination with EMCR, and MOTT. This is the only approved alternative ground route (via Carmanah Main/North Shore Road through Youbou).

The EOC will remain open as long as the Bamfield Main Road is closed.

The Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth (JEG) is leading a Business Recovery Working Group to understand the economic impacts, share resources, identify ongoing needs, and develop a strategy to support local businesses. EMCR Recovery Unit is leading a Community Recovery Working Group to help support and address ongoing health, wellness and residential needs. A Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) has been completed to reflect these concerns. The ACRD EOC continues to participate in a Franklin River Road Working Group, which collaborates on concerns and work related to road safety and restoration.

**b. Submarine Line Project – Verbal Update – Eddie Kunderman**

Construction team mobilized on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Starting work soon with sinking new pipe on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Communications will be shared to notify the community of construction and impacts. Signage will be in place on both East and West side.

*MOVED: C. Gruman*

*SECONDED: J. Mass*

*THAT the Bamfield Area Services Committee receive reports a-b.*

**CARRIED**

**9. LATE BUSINESS**

**10. 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca).

**11. IN-CAMERA**

*MOVED: J. Mass*

*SECONDED: B. Schmitt*

*Motion to close the meeting to the public as per the Community Charter, section(s):*

- i. 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: C. Gruman*

*SECONDED: L. Bye*

*Motion to close the meeting to the public as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section(s):*

- ii. 21 (1) (c) (i) of FOIPPA: harm significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the negotiating position of the third party.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 6:38 pm.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 7:35 pm.

**12. REPORT OUT – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA**

**13. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: B. Schmitt*

*SECONDED: L. Bye*

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:36 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

*Bob Beckett*

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Bob Beckett,  
Chairperson

*Heather Zenner*

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Heather Zenner,  
Manager of Administrative Services