



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025, 10:00 AM

VIA Zoom

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Stere, Chairperson, Councillor, District of Tofino
Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet
Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)
Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation
Dave Tovell, Park Superintendent, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
- REGRETS:** Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?iŋ?ath Government
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
John Rampanen, Chief Councillor, Ahousaht First Nation
Bob Anderson, Administrator, Hesquiaht First Nation
- STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services
Brooke Eschuk, Planner 1
Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager
Brett MacLean, Airport Development Manager
Tanya Carothers, Solid Waste Manager
Kylie Pettifer, Community Projects & Engagement Manager

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:
<https://youtu.be/kZUAqCOLp54>

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: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. MINUTES

a. West Coast Committee Meeting – July 2, 2025

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on July 2, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Louise Rodgers, Tofino Farms regarding reduced lease rate for food production at Long Beach Airport**
- b. James Rodgers, Cofounder & Executive Director, Coastal Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) Network Society regarding reduced lease rates for non-profits at Long Beach Airport**
- c. Michelle Hall, Capital Campaign Lead, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust regarding Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre building update and request for support from Community Works Funding application**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors that a letter of support be provided to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Trust in support of their grant applications to the Community Economic Development and Diversification Program and the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Robyn Mair, Resident of Ucluelet regarding animal-friendly alternative to the West Coast 3-Stream system.**

- b. **Mayco Noel, Food Bank on the Edge regarding February request for assistance with demolition and removal costs for building project.**

MOVED: Director Siga
SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the financial implications of the Food Bank on the Edge request for \$20,000 be explored to understand the impact to each participant and presented at a future Board meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Stere
SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

7. REQUESTS FOR DECISIONS

a. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Proposed Development of a West Coast ICI Diversion Program

MOVED: Director McEwen
SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to develop a detailed proposal for a program aimed at reducing Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) waste on the West Coast through:

- 1) A phased standard rate increase for ICI tipping fees at the West Coast Landfill, to encourage waste diversion and reflect the true cost of landfill disposal; and*
- 2) An ICI Landfill Diversion Program to encourage businesses in establishing and participating in diversion initiatives.*

AND THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment to Bylaw R1033 as part of the proposed program.

CARRIED

b. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Preliminary Lease Application – LBA Lease – 2025-003

MOVED: Director Siga

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the West Coast Committee support Preliminary Lease Application LBAlease-2025-003 from Redd Fish Restoration Society and recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct ACRD staff to complete necessary legal requirements including but not limited to; the development of a partnering agreement; and a public notice of disposition, in order to consider the possible approval of the final lease application.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

- a. Area C (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan Update**
- b. West Coast Transit - Seasonal Service Change**
- c. Wildsafe BC – Pilot – Reducing Human-Bear Conflict**
- d. Ex-Officio Member Updates**
 - Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Update

Communications will be shared soon regarding Highway 4 construction starting on October 14th near Esowista. Should be one day only, single lane alternative traffic from 7am – 5pm. In advance of winter season, there will be centre line painting in PRNPR. In partnership with Tla-o-qui-aht and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ, PRNRP have put out communications regarding wolves. Increased wolf activity in these areas. Canada Strong Program (Free entry into National Parks from June – September) didn't create an increase, but hotels were busy. Was a decline in visitors in mid to late August likely because of the Mount Underwood and Mount Wesley wildfire. Dispersed camping committee will meet again on October 24, 2025 to complete a season debrief with relevant organizations.

- Ahousaht First Nation Update
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Update
- Hesquiaht First Nation Update

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee receive reports a-d.

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.

11. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT this meeting be adjourned 11:32 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Tom Stere

Tom Stere,
Chairperson

Heather Zenner

Heather Zenner,
Manager of Administrative Services