



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026, 10:00 AM

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

DIRECTORS

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

PRESENT:

Debbie Haggard, Vice-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)

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

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

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

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

REGRETS:

Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Shane Koren, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/21-5-2026/>

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

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

5. DELEGATIONS (10 minute maximum)

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2026

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

10. REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

**a. Request for Decision regarding 2026 Grants-in-Aid Applications —
Regional Category**

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 in 2026 to the Alberni District Fall Fair Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6000 in 2026 to the Westcoast Inland Search & Rescue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6000 in 2026 to the Alberni Valley Rescue Squad.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5000 in 2026 to the Alberni Valley Makerspace, noting that \$2300 will be coming from Beaver Creek Electoral Area grants-in-aid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2500 in 2026 to the Vancouver Island North Film Commission.

CARRIED

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3500 in 2026 to the Alberni Athletics Soccer Club.

CARRIED

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors deny a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5000 in 2026 to the BC Wildlife Federation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6000 in 2026 to the Alberni Valley Hospice Society.

CARRIED

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5800 in 2026 to the Tseshaht Lightning contingent on obtaining Society Status by the end of September 30, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors deny the late application received for a grant-in-aid for \$5500 in 2026 to the Port Alberni Shelter Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors direct staff to develop a recategorization mechanism for grant-in-aid applications, including a process to evaluate proposed categories; AND THAT the grant-in-aid application be updated to require applicants to describe how their application aligns with and benefits the selected category; AND FURTHER THAT the proposed mechanism be brought back to the Committee of the Whole for review and approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS

12. OTHER BUSINESS (including Late Items)

13. QUESTION PERIOD

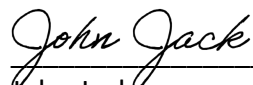
14. ADJOURN

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

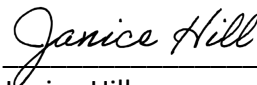
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:31 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Jack,
Chairperson



Janice Hill,
Executive Assistant