



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 10:00am

ZOOM

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet
Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)
Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułuꞵiꞵath Government
Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation
Dave Tovell, Park Superintendent, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

REGRETS:

Tom Stere, Chairperson, Councillor, District of Tofino
John Rampanen, Chief Councillor, Ahousaht First Nation
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
Bob Anderson, Administrator, Hesquiaht First Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Dyer, General Manager of Planning & Development
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services
Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager
Tanya Carothers, Solid Waste Manager
Mark Fortune, Airport Manager

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/18-2-2026/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Manager of Administrative Services called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

The Manager of Administrative Services recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The Manager of Administrative Services 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. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE CHAIRPERSON

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2026

The Manager of Administrative Services conducted the election for Chairperson of the West Coast Committee for 2026.

The Manager of Administrative Services declared Director Stere to the position of Chairperson for the West Coast Committee for 2026

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2026

The Manager of Administrative Services conducted the election of the Vice-Chairperson for the West Coast Committee for 2026.

The Manager of Administrative Services declared Director McEwen to the position of Vice-Chairperson for the West Coast Committee for 2026.

Director McEwen assumed the Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add two pieces of correspondence related to agenda item 7(a) Millstream transit petition.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS

5. MINUTES

a. West Coast Committee Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2025

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on December 3, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Craig Ewen Stewart, Presenting in favour of current transit stop in Millstream on Lee Street and restoration of the bus stop sign.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Clayoquot Biosphere Trust**
Regional Forum Summary & Meeting Notes

8. **REQUESTS FOR DECISIONS**

- a. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**
West Coast Transit, Millstream

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to leave the location of the bus stop within the Millstream Community where it is and move forward with the installation of a bus shelter in this location as part of the bus shelter installation project.

CARRIED

- b. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**
West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee Bylaw Amendment

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors support the adoption of an amendment to Bylaw R1033, West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation to increase tipping fees for weighed residential waste and construction & demolition (C&D) waste.

CARRIED

- c. **REQUEST FOR DECISION**
2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan, West Coast Services

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the Long Beach Airport proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Waste Management service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director McEwen

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Transit Service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Siga

SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Grants-in-Aid budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Siga

SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend the West Coast Multiplex Service proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

a. Area C (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan Update

b. Ex-Officio Member Updates

- Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Update. Update on wolf activity. On February 10, 2026 PRNPR implemented a dog prohibition due to increased wolf activity between Wickaninnish E and Sandhill Creek. There was an attack on an off-leash dog near Willowbrae area. On February 13, 2026 the dog prohibition area was expanded from the south end of the Long Beach boundary at Willowbrae to Greenpoint Rocks. Wolves are very active (family of four) and their activity is not natural behaviour (not retreating when seeing public, walking through communities in daylight). Wolf activity spans from District of Ucluelet, Wind and Sea, Millstream, all the way to the District of Tofino. PRNPR reserve is working to educate locals and visitors. Messaging includes having dogs on leash, travel in groups, and make noise. Dog prohibition

decisions are made in conjunction with First Nations. These recent dog prohibitions are in addition to area closures in the Wickaninnish dunes and the former goldmine area. Last fall PRNPR implemented a 100m buffer for Wildlife Viewing.

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

MOVED: Director Siga
SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that staff determine ways to inform and educate Area C residents about the wolf sightings and associated closures.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director McEwen
SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the West Coast Committee receive a-b verbal reports.

CARRIED

10. LATE BUSINESS

11. 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 the Zoom webinar
- Submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

12. IN-CAMERA

13. REPORT OUT – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

14. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director McEwen
SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT this meeting be adjourned 11:11 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Marilyn McCowan

Marilyn McEwen,
Vice-Chairperson

Heather Zenner

Heather Zenner,
Manager of Administrative Services