



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE BEAUFORT ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Toth (Chairperson)
Graham Tate
Lisa Aylard

REGRETS: Shane Eckenswiler
Peter Dekens
George Haack
Douglas Hedman
Claude Lessard
Steve Mabley
Steve King

OTHERS PRESENT: Fred Boyko, Director, Electoral Area “B” (Beaufort)

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Dyer, General Manager of Planning and Development
Kylie Pettifer, Community Project and Engagement Manager
Charlene Harrison, Planning Assistant

Note: Quorum was not achieved for this committee meeting; therefore, meeting was held for informational purposes.

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/19-2-2026/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

It was recognized that this meeting was held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The General Manager of Planning and Development reported this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District website.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATIONS

4. MINUTES

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. PLANNING REPORTS

a. Beaufort Official Community Plan (OCP) Update project introduction and visioning

Planning staff presented what an Official Community Plan (OCP) is, a proposed engagement timeline, the Beaufort OCP graphics, and confirmed the OCP will be managed by ACRD staff, with no support from consultants. Planning staff presented questions for discussion which included:

- what is important to protect with this plan,
- what opportunities should the OCP look to support,
- what values should be at the heart of this OCP, and
- what does this plan need to address.

APC members discussed the following items:

- Potential Townhall dates.
- Support for updated OCP to be a concise document and for it to support farming and home occupation and home industry businesses, with an exception to heavy industrial businesses.
- Would like opportunity to provide input in the draft survey.
- Cursive font for the tagline graphic is hard to read.
- Themes for consideration in the OCP update, which includes rural lifestyle, the right to farm, and serenity of the environment.
- Areas of need in the community, such as agri-tourism and flexibility for farmers.
- Beaufort to look much the same presently over the Plan period, with no desire for bus service, animal bylaw or high-rise buildings.
- Support for a good neighbour practice in the development of the OCP update.

7. LATE BUSINESS

8. ADJOURN

Certified Correct:

Les Toth

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Chairperson

Charlene Harrison

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Planning Assistant