



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, 10:00 AM

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

MEMBERS

Tom Stere, Chairperson, Councillor, District of Tofino

PRESENT:

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government

REGRETS:

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

John Rampanen, Chief Councillor, Ahousaht First Nation

Dave Tovell, Park Superintendent, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Bob Anderson, Administrator, Hesquiaht First Nation

STAFF PRESENT:

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Shane Koren, Manager of Financial Services

Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

Tanya Carothers, Solid Waste Manager

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/20-5-2026/>

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)

- a. Seth Wright, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit presenting a West Coast Transit update: ridership, operations, next steps.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. West Coast Committee – Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- a. **DISTRICT OF UCLUELET**
Regional Partnership for Wildlife Safety and Conservation Officer Initiative

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee receive item a. for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

10. REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

- a. Request for Decision regarding 2026 Grant-in-Aid Applications — West Coast Category

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2000 in 2026 to the Surfrider Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2000 in 2026 to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre and direct staff to bring a report regarding additional clarification of expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2000 in 2026 to the Ucluelet Aquarium Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2000 in 2026 to the Redd Fish Restoration Society for their Salmon Trails project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1200 in 2026 to the Pacific Rim Arts Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1000 in 2026 to the Ucluelet & Area Historical Society and direct staff to bring a report regarding additional clarification of expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS

11.1 STAFF REPORTS

- a. Lot 13 Pilot — Reducing Human-Bear Conflict
- b. 2025 West Coast Landfill Annual Reports
- c. Year Two Update: Long Beach Airport Ha-Huulthii MOU

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Directors receives the staff reports a-c.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. IN-CAMERA

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting be closed to the public as per the Community Charter, sections:

- 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;*
- ii. 21 (1) (a) (ii) of FOIPPA: commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information of or about a third party.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to the public at 11:33 am.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 11:46 am.

13. REPORT OUT – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

14. ADJOURN

The Motion was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:49 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Tom Stere

Tom Stere,
Chairperson

Janice Hill

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Executive Assistant