



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019, 10:00 AM

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

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THAT the ACRD Board of Directors receive this report for information.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Rob Williams, General Manager of Environmental Services
Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Meeting Date: December 11, 2019

Subject: Regional Parks Governance and Funding for West Coast Multi Use Path

Recommendation:

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Desired Outcome:

To determine governance for the West Coast Multi Use Path (MUP), a level of service for the parks and trails as well as an apportionment method for the Regional Parks Service.

Background:

Earlier in 2019 the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors directed staff to include the Log Train Trail in the Regional Parks function, addressing a long-standing issue of managing a trail asset outside of a legally enacted service. At this same time the Board directed staff to investigate options to apportion costs for the Regional Parks function that reflects the Board's determination of geographical divisions based on service participants and costs in each year. This approach was presented to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) staff but the model does not meet the legislative requirements, as MMAH staff interpreted the model as creating multiple service areas within one establishing bylaw which is not permitted. Ministry staff did indicate that a similar outcome could be accomplished by establishing apportionment percentages that would then be set in the establishing bylaw but that the

apportionment percentages could not change each year by geographical divisions. There could be a review process where the percentages are reviewed for example once every five years. This 'locking in' of apportionment percentages is recommended by staff, but in order to calculate these percentages, the parks and trails included in this service need to be confirmed and the level of service more clearly defined.

The governance of the West Coast MUP needs to be confirmed because in 2019 the ACRD Board of Directors directed staff to pursue grant opportunities for the undeveloped section of the West Coast Multi Use Path in Electoral Area C near District of Ucluelet. This section of trail is currently not included in any of the existing governance models.

In developing this report staff used the following principles, as the basis of the recommendations, which have emerged from the Board's previous discussions:

1. Equity over time – recognizing that equity between areas may not occur each year but fairness in costs must occur over a period of time,
2. Regional focus – that often the benefit of a parks and trails service is not restricted to area boundaries but instead benefits a larger regional area,
3. Safe public service – including sound operating practices and reliable access to recreational opportunities.

West Coast Multi Use Path:

The attached report regarding the West Coast MUP was presented to the West Coast Committee on October 3, 2019 for discussion and was referred to this committee for further consideration. The Tofino contribution to the construction of the sections 2 and 3 was incorrect in the report and should have been \$401,200. The schedule attached to the report has been revised to reflect this change.

As for grant applications, since this report has been presented, staff have made a grant application to Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T) for \$200,000 of funding towards the construction of the West Coast MUP. Staff received notice from ICE-T on December 2nd that we have made it through the Stage 1 process and have been invited to make a Stage 2 application within six months. Prior to submitting a Stage 2 application, matching funds for the grant must be fully addressed. Staff are also waiting to submit a grant application to the provincial 'Active Transportation Fund' formerly called BikeBC. Provincial staff have indicated that the grant opportunity will open soon. Previously the BikeBC grant program provided \$1 million dollars or up to 75% of the cost of construction. If both grants provide the anticipated funding and if both grant applications are successful, a shortfall of \$290,000 will still need to be funded by the ACRD or its members. Staff anticipate that funding announcements for both grant opportunities will occur in spring or summer 2020.

There are two separate components of the West Coast Multi Use Path that require discussion:

1. Governance and funding the ongoing operation costs once constructed

The West Coast MUP currently has no set governance established. The October 3, 2019 report details this discussion and the staff recommendation, based on the principles outlined at the beginning of this report, is to add the West Coast MUP into the Regional Parks Service including the following sections:

1. The existing trail section within the District of Tofino boundaries,
2. The currently under construction trail within the District of Tofino boundaries,
3. The currently under construction trail within Electoral Area C (Tofino end) being built by District of Tofino,
5. The proposed new section of trail within Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) that is currently seeking grant funding for construction,
6. The existing trail section within Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end), and
7. The existing trail section within the District of Ucluelet boundaries.

Adding these sections of West Coast MUP to Regional Parks would transfer the costs that are currently paid directly by each of the Districts to the ACRD to be collected in a sub-regional approach. This recommended approach recognizes the regional significance that this trail will have on the West Coast. Equity will be achieved when setting a consistent level of service for maintenance along the entirety of the trail as well as the resulting apportionment percentages. Using this

funding mechanism does not need to change how the trail maintenance is performed, for example having each of the Districts perform the maintenance requirements at their respective ends of the path.

Other Governance Options Considered for West Coast MUP:

Due to the complexity the governance options issues there are other options that staff has considered:

- a) If the Board of Directors does not want to include all of the local government sections of the West Coast MUP in the Regional Parks Service then any combination of the sections could be considered. As an example, the following resolution could be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors designate only the newly constructed or to be constructed sections of the trail into the Regional Parks service including the currently under construction trail within the District of Tofino boundaries, the currently under construction trail within Electoral Area C (Tofino end) being built by District of Tofino, and the proposed new section of trail within Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) that is currently seeking grant funding for construction.

This approach does not follow the principle of a regional focus but equity could still be achieved with the apportionment calculation.

- b) If the Board of Directors does not want to include any of the sections within municipal boundaries of the West Coast MUP in the Regional Parks Service then another governance model needs to be developed and presented to the electorate for consideration through a Referendum or Alternate Approval Process before proceeding with construction. If this is preferred, staff recommend the following resolution be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors direct staff to budget for a West Coast Multi Use Path proposed service in 2020 including costs for obtaining electorate consent.

This approach, depending on the participants, could still follow the principles of regional focus and equity but would include an additional step of electorate assent and creation of a new service.

- c) If the Board of Directors does not want to include any of the sections within municipal boundaries of the West Coast MUP in the Regional Parks Service or pursue another governance model then work to progress this strategic priority should be stopped until governance is determined. If this is preferred, staff recommend the following resolution be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors direct staff remove West Coast Multi Use Path as a strategic priority for 2020, for reconsideration in 2021, and withdraw grant applications until such time as governance and the local share of construction has been determined.

A regional district does not have authority to operate outside of a service establishing bylaw and therefore if governance is not defined then the project should be delayed until governance is determined.

2. Funding the construction shortfall

The October 3, 2019 report also outlines three apportionment options for funding the anticipated construction shortfall of \$290,000, this approach would see the ACRD requesting the funds from the respective local governments. Those governments could provide their share using their Community Works Funds or other funding mechanisms. These apportionment options were presented at the West Coast Committee meeting but did not seem to be generally supported so staff has spent time developing other funding options to consider in this discussion.

If the Board decides to include the West Coast MUP in the Regional Parks service then the Regional Parks Capital

Members: City of Port Alberni, District of Ucluelet, District of Tofino, Yuułu?ii?ath Government, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Uchucklesaht Tribe and Toquaht Nation
Electoral Areas "A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "C" (Long Beach), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek) and "F" (Cherry Creek)

Reserve could be used for a portion of trail construction as the reserve is anticipated to have approximately \$93,000 at the end of 2019. This funding would need to be replenished for other Regional Park assets and therefore the tax requisition for this service would need to increase to ensure that the fund is replaced. Another funding mechanism through Regional Parks service would be to use Municipal Finance Authority short term borrowing (to a maximum of five years). This would also result in an increased requisition but over a longer period of time.

Alternatively, the construction shortfall could be funded using Community Works Funding (CWF). This funding is generally used for Electoral Area projects only as the Municipalities receive their own CWF however in July 2019 the ACRD, like other local governments, received an additional one-time payment of \$488,809 that was not anticipated. The Board could allocate the entire \$290,000 from the CWF to this project as it is an eligible project. This use of CWF aligns with the Community Works Fund Policy that was adopted in May 2019 as it aligns with the strategic priorities of the ACRD and is quite regionally focused.

The staff recommendation for funding the construction shortfall is to use the Regional Park Capital Reserve for \$50,000 in combination with \$240,000 of Community Works Funding. This recommendation assumes that the West Coast MUP has been designated as a Regional Park. The principles that support this recommendation include that the West Coast members have participated in Regional Parks for a number of years with no clear direct benefit being received so this is an opportunity to balance the equity principle slightly. The Community Works Funding component of the recommendation is based on the regional significance of the project.

Other Construction Shortfall Options Considered for West Coast MUP:

Due to the complexity of these funding shortfall options there are other options that staff has considered:

- a) The Electoral Area Directors normally discuss Community Works Funds initiatives and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. If the Committee would like to provide this opportunity to the Electoral Area Directors Committee then the following motion should be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole refer the request for \$240,000 of Community Works Fund for the construction of the West Coast Multi Use Path to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

- b) If the Board of Directors would like staff to investigate the option of using Municipal Finance Authority short term borrowing then the following motion should be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole direct staff to investigate the option of using Municipal Finance Authority short term borrowing of \$290,000 for the construction of the West Coast Multi Use Path.

- c) If the Board of Directors would like the West Coast members to consider contributing to the project using one of the apportionment funding mechanisms for the construction shortfall then the following motion should be considered:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors direct staff to present to the councils of the West Coast members to request financial contributions to the West Coast Multi Use Path project.

Level of Service

The Regional Parks service has been operated at an unsustainable low level of funding for a number of years but, as the infrastructure ages and the risks associated with these parks and trails increases, more funding is required to support these services. This low level of service has been supplemented by volunteer work and grants which will continue to be pursued but cannot be relied on to address all maintenance and risks. For example, the type of maintenance work that is currently required mostly relates to bridges and culverts which is specialized work that cannot normally be completed by volunteers. Overall, the level of service for Regional Parks needs to support the intended purpose of the asset which, in this case, is to provide recreation opportunities to residents and visitors in a safe, reliable, and cost effective manner.

Time Requirements – Staff & Elected Officials

A significant amount of staff time has been involved in developing these options and will be required to address the change in governance model. Staff time has also been dedicated to preparing grant applications to fund the West Coast Multi Use Path. Should the trail be constructed, staff resources will be required for project management of the trail construction. Once the future governance model has been determined and established, the trail connection is complete, the amount of staff time required to support this service will be reduced to maintenance and long-term planning requirements.

Conversion Bylaw

If the Board of Directors determines the governance mechanism for the West Coast MUP and the level of service for Regional Parks overall is acceptable as presented, then the Conversion Bylaw to convert the Regional Parks Letter Patent to a Regional Park Establishing bylaw can be drafted for consideration by the Board. During this conversion process it would be a good opportunity to update the Treaty First Nation members of the Regional Parks service and determine if they want to participate in the service at this time. Staff would prepare a report to their governments and offer to attend a meeting to outline the service giving their elected officials an opportunity to learn more.

This conversion bylaw will propose an apportionment method that is equitable between the members and considers the costs of each individual park and trail asset within the service. The bylaw would also include a review clause that would set out how often the apportionment calculation is to be reviewed.

Submitted by: 

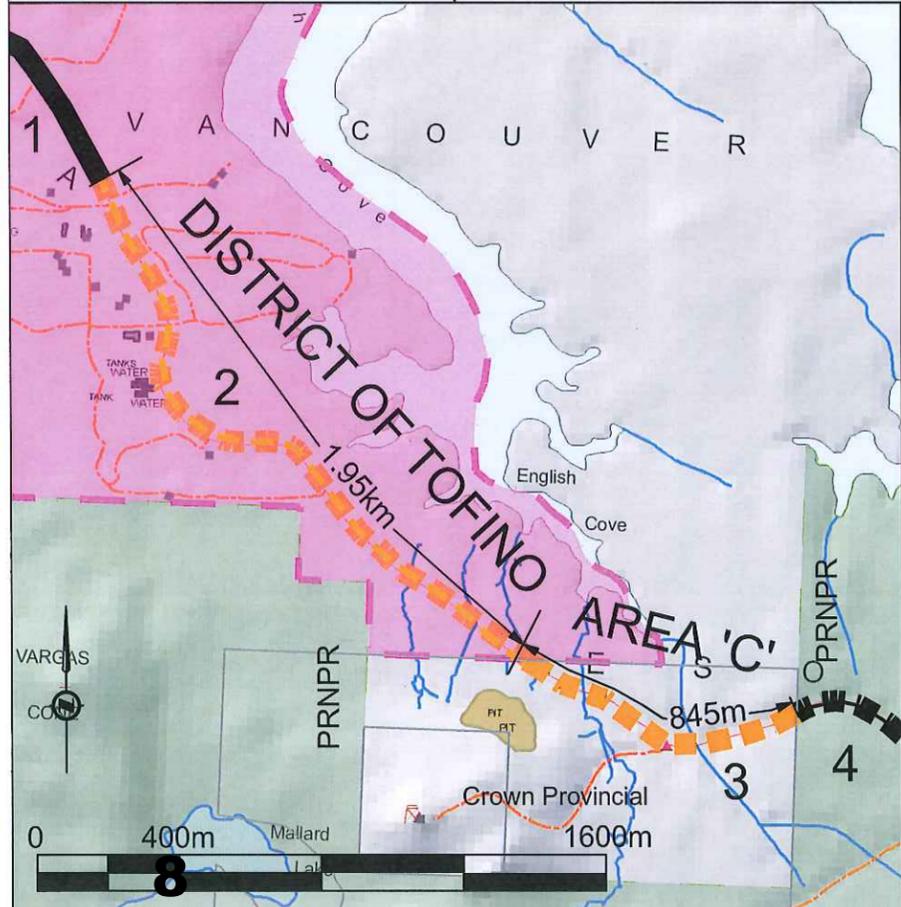
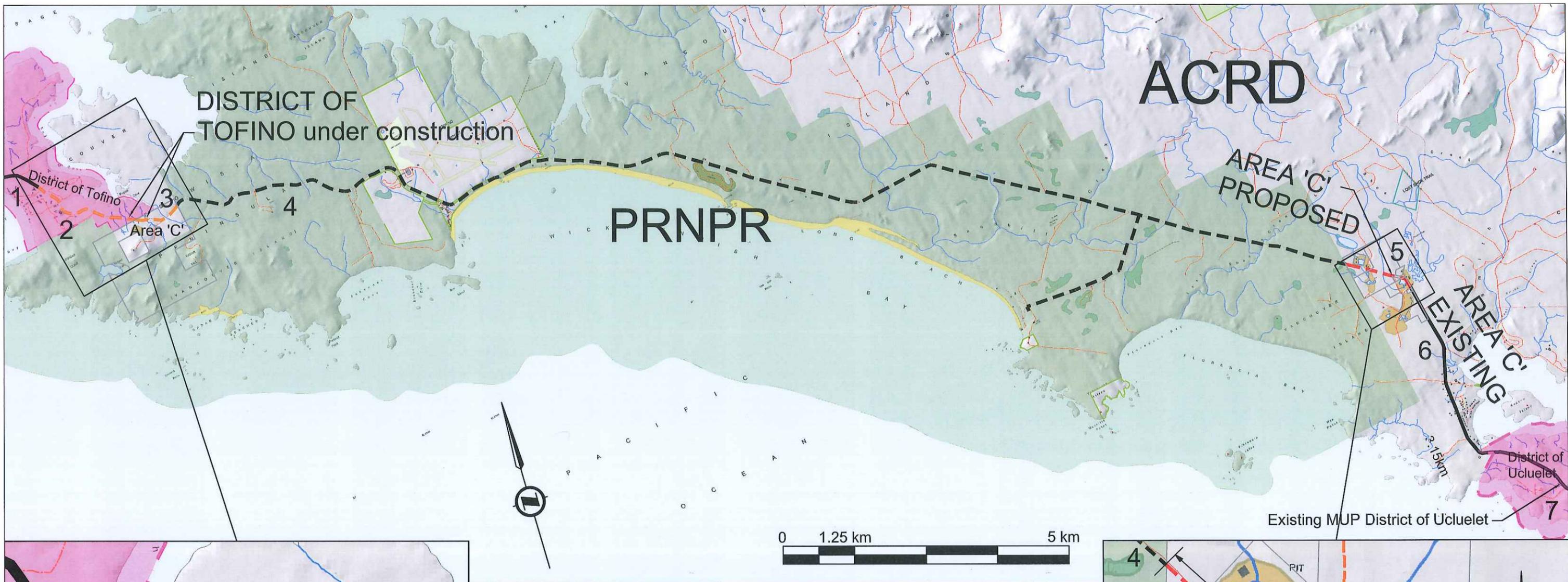
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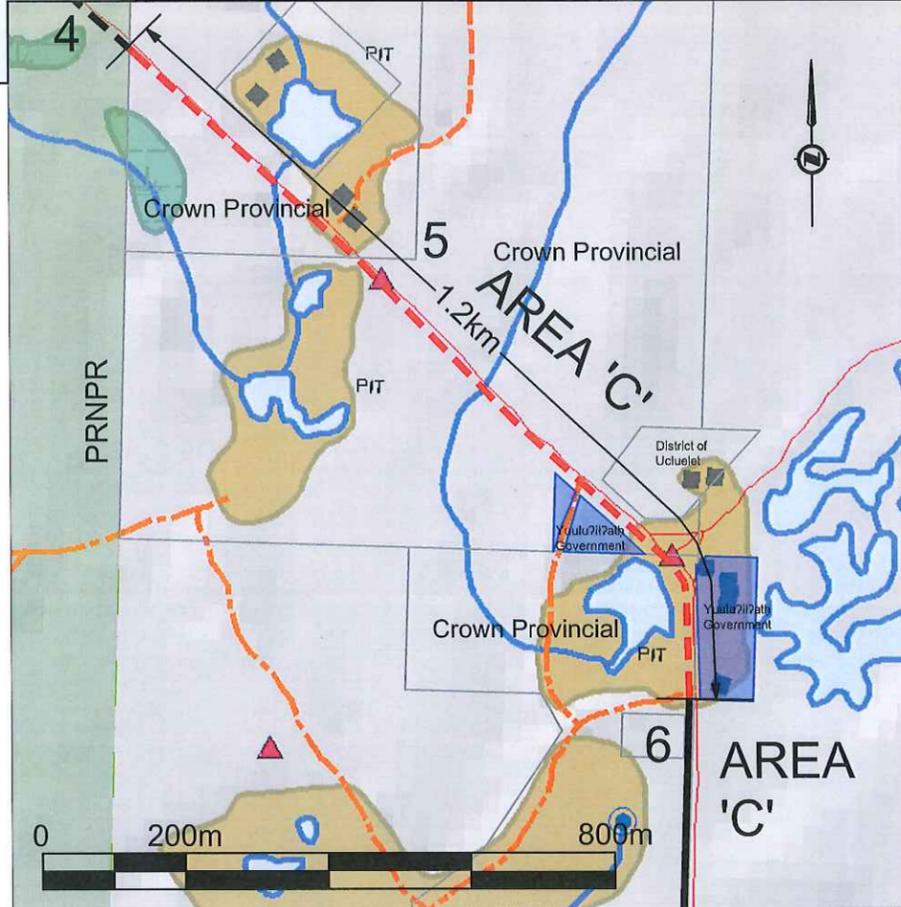
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Approved by: 

Douglas Holmes, BBA, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: West Coast Committee
From: Rob Williams, General Manager of Environmental Services
Teri Fong, Manager of Finance
Meeting Date: October 3, 2019
Subject: West Coast Multi Use Path & Regional Parks Governance

Recommendation:

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend to the ACRD Board of Directors that the West Coast Multi Use Path be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on Regional Parks for possible inclusion in the service.

Background:

Completing the West Coast Multi Use Path (MUP) between the existing MUP near Ucluelet and the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR) is a strategic priority of the ACRD Board of Directors. Staff have identified grant sources that can help to fund a significant portion of this trail project and will continue to explore other grant opportunities. The Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T) grant application period closes on October 18, 2019. The BikeBC grant program is not open for applications, but staff anticipate that the funding will be announced this fall with determinations for funding anticipated in spring 2020.

The ACRD Board of Directors adopted the following resolutions at their September 11, 2019 meeting:

THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors apply for a \$200,000 grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust to support the construction of the West Coast Multi Use Path.

THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to bring funding shortfall options to the next Electoral Area Directors committee meeting, and to request funding for this project from the District of Ucluelet and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government.

Confirming a service governance structure and cost allocation method is required as per the *Local Government Act* to determine what service the MUP will be part of and what jurisdictions will participate and how costs will be apportioned. At this time, ACRD staff believe the MUP should be part of the Regional Parks Service. Staff are continuing to explore governance structure and apportionment methods for the Regional Parks Service Bylaw that would satisfy the Board's previous direction and the Inspector of Municipalities. Annual maintenance costs, maintenance contracts potentially delivered by each West Coast district, and long-term asset management will also be part of this discussion. At this time, staff are recommending that all local government sections of the MUP be included in the Regional Parks governance and cost allocation discussion moving forward.

The attached map breaks the trail down into these following sections or components:

1. The existing trail section within the District of Tofino boundaries,
2. The currently under construction trail within the District of Tofino boundaries,
3. The currently under construction trail within Electoral Area C (Tofino end) being built by District of Tofino,
4. The currently under construction ʔapsčiiik t'ašii Trail within the PRNPR being built by Parks Canada,
5. The proposed new section of trail within Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) that is currently seeking grant funding for construction,

6. The existing trail section within Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end), and
7. The existing trail section within the District of Ucluelet boundaries.

Time Requirements – Staff & Elected Officials

A significant amount of staff time has been involved in developing these options and will be required to address the change in the governance model this year. Staff time has also been dedicated to preparing grant applications to fund the West Coast Multi Use Path. Should the trail be constructed, staff time will be required for project management of the trail construction. Once the future governance model has been determined and established, the trail connection is complete, the amount of staff time required to support this service will be reduced to maintenance and long-term planning requirements.

Financial

A breakdown of the project costs for section 5 – Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) of the trail as well as potential funding sources is as follows:

Section 5 - Electoral Area C (Ucluelet End) MUP Connection	
2019 Class C Cost Estimate	\$1,367,252
Potential ICE-T Grant*	\$200,000
Total Cost Shareable Amount	\$1,167,252
Potential BikeBC Grant (75% of cost up to 1 million)**	\$875,439
Local Applicant Contribution	\$291,813

Note: *ICE-T can fund up to \$200,000 towards this project, down from \$400,000 in previous years.

**BikeBC 2020 intake has not yet been announced, estimates are based on previous years funding.

This financial discussion is focused on the local applicant share of the construction of the proposed section 5. It does not consider ongoing maintenance costs at this time. The funding source for the local applicant portion of section 5 - Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) MUP connection needs to be determined as there is currently no matching funds budgeted for the final portion of the project. Staff continue to explore any and all grant opportunities for this project but it is unlikely that the full project cost will be covered by grants. When considering all the local government sections of the MUP there are five potential ACRD local government participants; District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet, Electoral Area 'C' Long Beach, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, and Toquaht First Nation.

Attached are a few apportionment options that could be considered when determining how to fund the local applicant portion. In order to achieve fairness when considering having all five potential participants, the calculations include the local share of sections 2 and 3 - Tofino end of the MUP. The local share of the Tofino project was \$122,000 and this was funded by Tofino’s Community Works and MRDT funding. It is estimated that the local share of sections 2, 3 and 5 of the MUP will be \$415,000. This total was used when considering a cost sharing approach and staff have included a column to recognize Tofino’s contribution that has already been invested. The calculations are for discussion purposes at this point as there are numerous options available to fund the local contributions. These amounts could be funded by each governments Community Works Funds, MRDT funds or other funding.

Another approach would be to requisition funding through the ACRD, however a decision on the governance of the trail would be required before taxation could be considered. For example, if the project is included in Regional Parks then short term borrowing could be explored for a period of up to five years.

Options Considered

1. Not proceed with the ICE-T and BikeBC grant applications for section 5 – Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) at this time, or until the Regional Parks governance and cost-sharing challenge has been resolved and there is a confirmed service model for this trail.
2. Forgo the ICE-T grant application and seek maximum funding (\$1,000,000) from BikeBC for section 5 – Electoral

Area C (Ucluelet end), this would increase the local share of project costs from \$291,813 to \$367,252 assuming the full eligible grant amount was received.

3. Look at the feasibility of establishing a separate service for section 5 - Electoral Area C (Ucluelet end) MUP trail extension and work through all the necessary processes involved including a confirmed governance structure, public engagement and an elector assent process.
4. Look at the feasibility of establishing a new West Coast Parks Service that includes some or all of the MUP sections (besides the Parks Canada section) and work through all the necessary processes involved including confirmed governance structure, public engagement and an elector assent process.



Submitted by:

Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Manager of Finance



Submitted by:

Rob Williams, MSc, General Manager of Environmental Services



Approved by:

Douglas Holmes, BBA, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer

West Coast Multi Use Path - Funding Options Revised

Assumes ICET Funding Received

Tofino end MUP - local share	\$	401,200.00
Ucluelet end MUP - local share	\$	293,000.00
Total local share of capital costs	\$	694,200.00

Option 1: Apportionment by Converted Land & Improvements

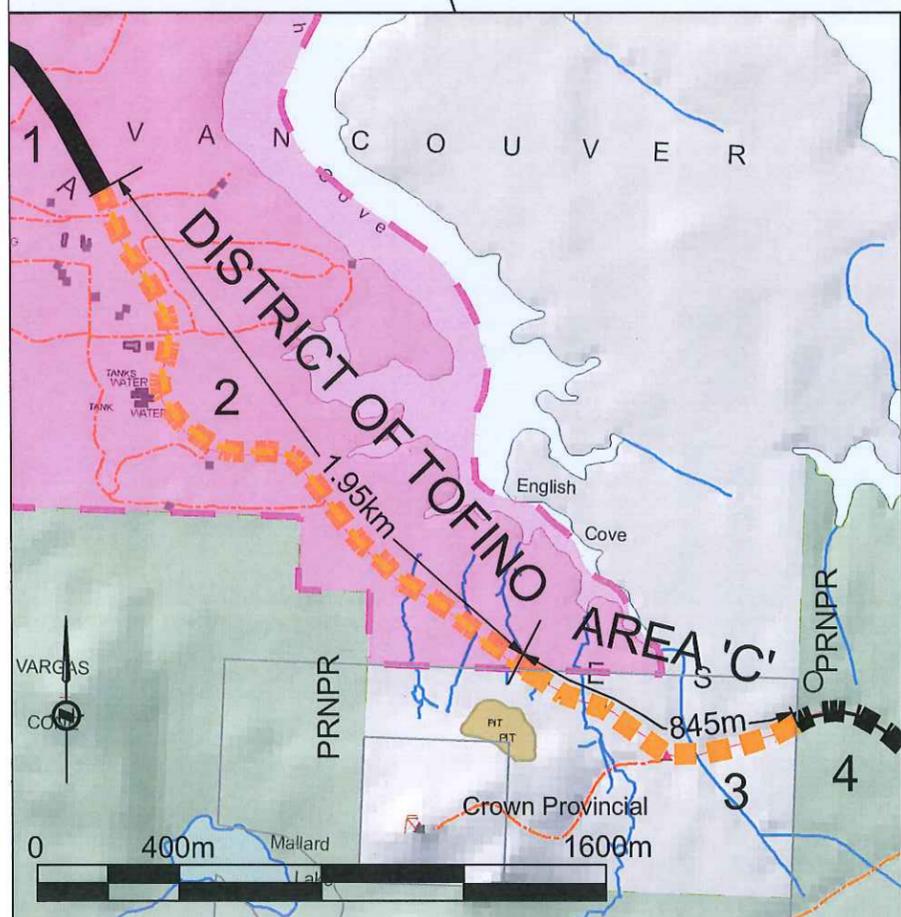
Jurisdiction	Converted Land & Improvements	Converted Land & Improvements as %	Converted Land & Improvements Requisition by Area	Amounts Already Contributed	Local Share
District of Tofino	141,697,323	58%	402,116	401,200	916
District of Ucluelet	72,672,850	30%	206,235	-	206,235
Electoral Area C - Long Beach	30,086,909	12%	85,382	-	85,382
Yuufu?i?ath Government	164,445	0%	467	-	467
Toquaht First Nation	-	0%	-	-	-
Totals	244,621,527	100%	694,200	401,200	293,000

Option 2: Apportionment by Population

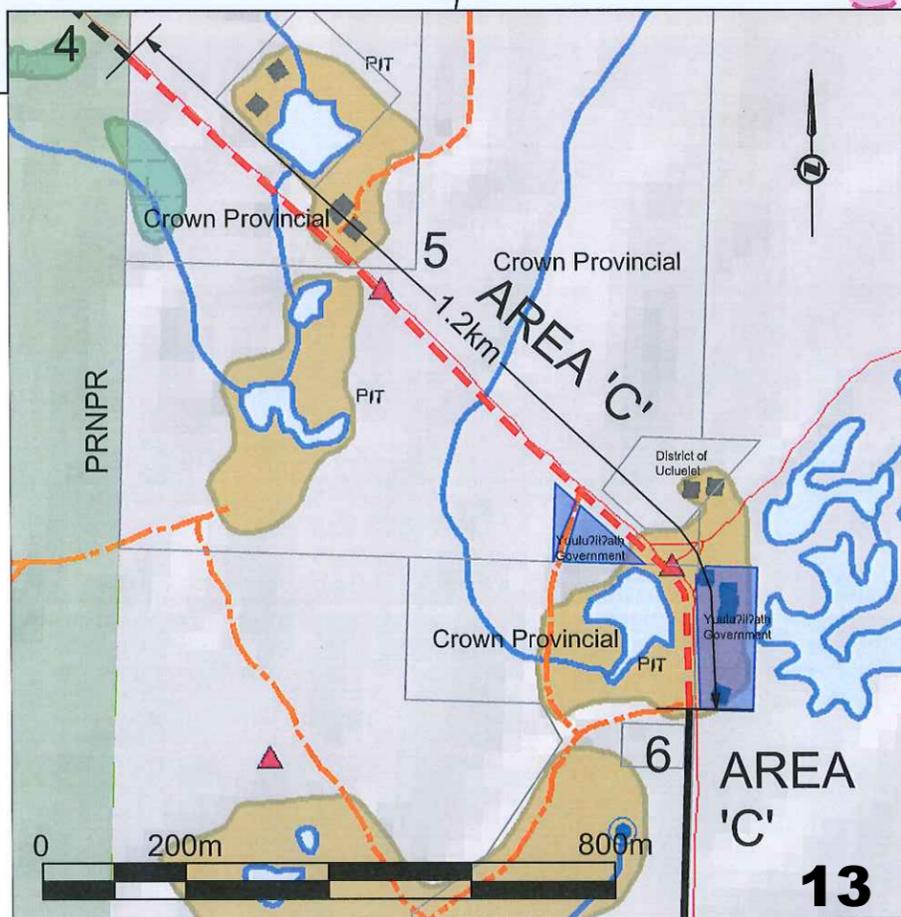
Jurisdiction	Population (2016 Census)	Population as %	Population Apportionment Requisition by Area	Amounts Already Contributed	Local Share
District of Tofino	1,932	42%	290,365	401,200	110,835
District of Ucluelet	1,717	37%	258,052	-	258,052
Electoral Area C - Long Beach	677	15%	101,748	-	101,748
Yuufu?i?ath Government	274	6%	41,180	-	41,180
Toquaht First Nation	19	0%	2,856	-	2,856
Totals	4,619	100%	694,200	401,200	293,000

Option 3: Apportionment by Hybrid of 50% Population and 50% Land and Improvements

Jurisdiction	Population Apportionment Requisition by Area	Converted Land & Improvements Requisition by Area	Hybrid of 50% Population and 50% Land and Improvements	Amounts Already Contributed	Local Share
District of Tofino	290,365	402,116	346,240	401,200	54,960
District of Ucluelet	258,052	206,235	232,143	-	232,143
Electoral Area C - Long Beach	101,748	85,382	93,565	-	93,565
Yuufu?i?ath Government	41,180	467	20,823	-	20,823
Toquaht First Nation	2,856	-	1,428	-	1,428
Totals	694,200	694,200	694,200	401,200	293,000



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INFORMATION REPORT

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Heather Zenner, Lands and Resources Coordinator
Meeting Date: December 11, 2019
Subject: Public Access to Mosaic Private Forest Lands in the ACRD

Recommendation:

THAT the ACRD Board of Directors receive this report for information.

Report:

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) staff met with Mosaic in spring 2019 to discuss recreational access in the Alberni Valley. At that time Mosaic staff discussed some of the commitments they had previously made to Minister Fraser regarding predictable access through Mosaic's lands to particular areas of recreational interest. Staff advised the ACRD Board of Directors of this discussion at the June 12, 2019 board meeting and further discussed this topic at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 3, 2019.

The Board of Directors directed staff to engage with Mosaic Forest Management and the Provincial Government on the topic of recreational access to private forest lands in the Alberni Valley.

ACRD staff met with Mosaic, provincial Forest Tenures staff, and provincial Recreation Sites and Trails staff on December 5, 2019 to discuss a potential tri-party partnership agreement. There was consensus by all parties on the merits of collectively continuing discussions on access and the group will draft a Terms of Reference document to help guide this discussion. As the Terms of Reference are developed staff will report back to the ACRD Board of Directors with further information.

Submitted by: 
Heather Zenner, RPF, Lands and Resources Coordinator

Approved by: 
Douglas Holmes, BBA, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer