



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARK WORKING GROUP MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025, 5:30 PM

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

MEMBERS

Keith Wyton, Chairperson, Bamfield MAL

PRESENT:

Justin Fraser, Alberni Fish and Game Club

Kimi Hashimoto, ATVBC

Chris Hall, Riders of Alberni Valley

Dave Coombs, Mid Island Snow Blazers; Sproat Lake Water Sports

Judy Carlson, Alberni Valley Outdoor Club; Tuesday Walkers Club

Russ Moen, Cherry Creek MAL

Dave Morton, Transition Towns; Nature Group; Ocean Friendly

PA Brian Clozza, Beaver Creek MAL

Dennis Stofer, LTT affected property owners

Brian Callender, Twin City Runners

Mel Francoeur, Backcountry Horsemen

Russell Dyson, Sproat Lake MAL

James Willock, Bamfield Community Affairs

Les Toth, Beaufort MAL

REGRETS:

Annette Bailey, Alberni Valley Nature Club; BC Field Ornithologists

Barb Baker, Alpine Club of Canada

Joe Lamoureux, PA Rotary

Wendy Friberg, PA BroomBusters

Steve Kendall, AV Hill Climbers

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael McGregor, Land and Resources Coordinator

Lyndsey Page, Community Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

The Chairperson recognized the meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions – Working Group Members and Staff present.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended.

Amendment: Removal of Item 5a: *Trans-Canada Trail – Ryan Thom, Trans Canada Trail - Proposal to register the West Coast Multi-Use Pathway with the Trans Canada Trail.*

4. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Terms of Reference Review – Michael McGregor**

A brief overview of the Terms of Reference was provided for new members. The working group serves in an advisory capacity, with a mandate to discuss regional parks and provide recommendations to the ACRD Board of Directors. It does not cover local community park services, which are administered separately.

Membership is capped at 20. Keith Wyton was elected Chairperson at the previous meeting for a one-year term. The group meets two to four times per year with future meetings anticipated following the summer and at year-end.

The ACRD Code of Conduct applies to all members and is available online. Complaints may be submitted to the Chairperson or Michael McGregor.

b. **Parkland acquisition and/or inclusion process – Michael McGregor**

An overview of the parkland acquisition and inclusion process was provided in which it was reiterated that the working group is advisory in nature and cannot make decisions but may provide recommendations to the ACRD Board of Directors.

Members may provide motions during meetings. Once a motion is made and seconded, it is open for discussion before a vote is taken.

5. **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Trans Canada Trail – Ryan Thom, Trans Canada Trail** *Removed from the agenda.*

b. **Maquinna Trail – Chris Hall, Riders of Alberni Valley** Chris Hall presented the club's request that the ACRD assist in submitting a land use application to the Province to authorize the development and use of bike trails on Crown Land.

MOVED: J. Carlson
SECONDED: D. Morton

THAT the Regional Parks Working Group recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to explore the feasibility of submitting a Section 57 application in collaboration with the Riders of the Alberni Valley, to authorize multi-use recreational trails on Crown land, and report back to the working group with further information.

CARRIED

- c. 2024 Parks Survey and Data Review – Michael McGregor**
Michael McGregor provided an overview of the 2024 regional parks survey and related data. The presentation included information on asset replacement values, operational costs, safety incidents and trail counter data as well as a review of survey results covering park usage, user satisfaction and priorities for future investment in parks and trails. The full report will be sent to the working group by email and made available to the public.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Great Central Lake Boat Launch request**
Correspondence was received regarding the boat launch at Great Central Lake, currently managed under the Sproat Lake Community Parks service. The Sproat Lake Parks Commission has requested that the launch be removed from their service area, as they believe it serves a broader regional benefit beyond the local Sproat Lake service area. The proposed change would be administrative, as the site is already funded through the ACRD.

MOVED: J. Fraser
SECONDED: D. Morton

THAT discussion of the boat launch service area be tabled pending a presentation from a member of the Sproat Lake Parks Commission.

CARRIED

- b. Volunteers performing work on ACRD parkland**
The group discussed recent community repairs made to a damaged bridge on the Log Train Trail. The bridge was inspected by an engineer during a broader bridge assessment. While no major structural concerns were identified, the engineer could not formally assess or endorse the repair, as it was completed independently and without construction details available.

Staff emphasized the value of community involvement in maintaining parks infrastructure and encouraged volunteers to coordinate with the ACRD for future work. This ensures projects are supported with oversight

and proper insurance coverage. The bridge will continue to be monitored, with priorities for repairs guided by the findings of the bridge assessment report.

c. MOTT request for additional information on Log Train Trail

Michael McGregor provided an update on MOTT's review of the Log Train Trail Management Plan and their request for an enforcement plan regarding motorized vehicle use, including concerns about uninsured recreational vehicles. Following discussion, the working group resolved to advise the ACRD Board of Directors to direct staff to develop a regulatory bylaw specific to motorized vehicle use on the Log Train Trail.

MOVED: J. Fraser

SECONDED: K. Hashimoto

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Parks Working Group recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors direct staff to develop a regulatory bylaw specific to motorized vehicle use on the Log Train Trail.

CARRIED

7. LATE BUSINESS

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Certified Correct:

Keith Wyton,
Chairperson

Lyndsey Page,
Community Services Coordinator