



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARK WORKING GROUP MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025, 5:30 PM

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

MEMBERS

Keith Wyton, Chairperson, Bamfield MAL

PRESENT:

Brian Callender, Twin City Runners

Kimi Hashimoto, Side by Side, ATV, Dirt Bike Vancouver Island

Chris Hall, Riders of Alberni Valley

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

Russ Moen, Cherry Creek MAL

Dave Morton, Transition Towns; Nature Group; Ocean Friendly PA

Brian Clozza, Backcountry Horsemen

Russell Dyson, Sproat Lake MAL

Annette Bailey, Alberni Valley Nature Club; BC Field Ornithologists

Wendy Friberg, PA BroomBusters

Judy Carlson, Alberni Valley Outdoor Club; Tuesday Walkers Club

Dennis Stofer, LTT affected property owners

Mel Francoeur, Backcountry Horsemen

REGRETS:

Justin Fraser, Alberni Fish and Game Club

James Willock, Bamfield Community Affairs

Les Toth, Beaufort MAL

Steve Kendall, AV Hill Climbers

Joe Lamoureux, PA Rotary

Barb Baker, Alpine Club of Canada

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 5:31 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

MOVED: J. Carlson

SECONDED: A. Bailey

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

5. DISCUSSION

a. RPWG 2025 Review

Michael McGregor summarized 2025 activities, noting progress on processes, new community initiatives and ongoing challenges such as the Log Train Trail. A year-end report will go to the ACRD Board in 2026. Upcoming procedural bylaw changes may affect meeting structure and documentation. Suggestions for 2026 included broader regional representation and timely agenda distribution.

b. Horne Lake Trail

Michael reported on the Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) project to connect Horne Lake Regional Park to the Log Train Trail via a historic roadway. RDN has budgeted for surveying, legal work and a provincial license of occupation in 2026. ACRD's role will focus on First Nations engagement and coordination, with minimal cost beyond staff time. Further work will confirm land ownership, trail improvements and trailhead needs before a Board decision.

c. Log Train Trail Update

Michael outlined Board decisions on allowable uses with motorized access in the north and non-motorized in the south, boundary still to be finalized. An 18-month review will follow once the lease is updated, likely in 2027. Concerns include unauthorized vehicles damaging bridges and staging areas near McLean Mill. Enforcement planning and asset management will proceed after legal and insurance reviews.

d. Log Train Trail Enforcement Plan Review

Michael reviewed the draft enforcement plan for motorized use aligning with BC Off-Road Vehicle regulations. The approach emphasizes education, signage and complaint-based enforcement. Barriers and signage are required before implementation. The group supported a practical, low-cost strategy.

At 7:03 PM, Dave Coombs was asked to leave the meeting due to conduct not aligned with the Working Group's Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct. The meeting resumed after a short break.

e. 2026 Regional Parks Service Project Planning

Michael outlined 2026 priorities including signage upgrades, a 10-year asset replacement plan, trail classification review, website improvements and Log Train Trail transition work. Other projects include bridge repairs, standardized maps and brochures, Great Central Lake boat launch planning, volunteer program development, the Horne Lake Trail connector and exploring a partnership with Riders of the Alberni Valley on a Crown Land application for a multi-use trail network in the Maquinna area. A draft financial plan will be presented at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. LATE BUSINESS

8. ADJOURN

MOVED: D. Morton

SECONDED: A. Bailey

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:30 PM.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Keith Wyton,
Chairperson

Lyndsey Page,
Community Services Coordinator