



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI VALLEY/BAMFIELD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015, 1:30 PM

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John McNabb, Chair, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
Keith Wyton, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)
Mike Kokura, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
Lucas Banton, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Mike Ruttan, Mayor, City of Port Alberni
Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

REGRETS: John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development
Andrew McGifford, Acting Manager of Finance
Mark Fortune, Airport Superintendent
Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The CAO called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

The CAO recognized the meeting this afternoon is being held in the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation Traditional Territories.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2015**

The CAO conducted elections for Chairperson of the Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for 2015.

The CAO requested nominations for the position of Chairperson Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for the first time.

Director McLeman nominated Director McNabb for the position of Chairperson for the Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for 2015. Director McNabb accepted the nomination.

The CAO requested nominations for the position of Chairperson Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for the second time.

The CAO requested nominations for the position of Chairperson Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for the third and final time. There were no further nominations.

The CAO declared Director McNabb Chairperson of the Alberni Valley/Bamfield Services Committee for 2015.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Cootes

SECONDED: Director Ruttan

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items as outlined for consideration.

- *Ministry of Justice news Release - First ever provincially led earthquake exercise set for 2016.*

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Alberni Valley Committee Meeting – May 5, 2015.

MOVED: Director Kokura

SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the minutes of the Alberni Valley Committee Meeting held on May 5, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

- a. **Update – Wildfire Dog Mountain & Emergency Operations Centre – R. Dyson (Verbal)**

The status of the evacuation order has changed for the cabins on Dog Mountain. The new order took effect Monday, July 20th at midnight. A map and explanation has been provided to each owner. The change in status is based on there being no immediate wildfire threat but slope stability issues being moderate to high for lands above some cabins. Six cabins on the east of the peninsula will no longer be subject to evacuation but the majority of cabins will continue to be subject to an order. The basis of this new order is from a preliminary assessment completed by BC Forest Service. More detailed assessments will be conducted the week of July 20th to see what was fire caused; this report may not be submitted to us prior to the expiration of the declaration of State of Local Emergency Order which may need an extension.

The fire is 100% contained, is still active and it is expected that there will be open flame and smoke within the perimeter of this fire as it continues to consume forest fuels. The sprinklers are still up and being maintained, and the fire is being patrolled as needed.

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Ruttan

THAT the AV / Bamfield Services Committee acknowledge the current local state of emergency and send a letter asking the province to put up warning signs referring to the dangers of camping in the area, slides and debris in the water.

CARRIED

b. Ministry of Justice – Provincially led earthquake exercise

The Ministry of Justice released an announcement that a provincially led emergency preparedness exercise will be held in Port Alberni June 7-10, 2016. This \$1 million investment will support this full-scale earthquake response exercise that will test elements of the new B.C. Earthquake Immediate Response Plan.

MOVED: Director Kokura
SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT the verbal reports be received.

CARRIED

6. IN-CAMERA

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Banton

THAT this meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to:

- i. Purchase or sale of land or improvements, disclosure of which the Board considers could be harmful to the Regional District's interests;*
- ii. Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Regional District service that are at their preliminary stages, disclosure of which the Board considers could reasonably be expected to harm the interest of the Regional District if they were held in public.*

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:40 pm.

7. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Banton

SECONDED: Director Kokura

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 2:40 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

John McNabb,
Chairperson

Russell Dyson,
Chief Administrative Officer