

**MINUTES OF THE ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 @ 9:30 AM**

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

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**MEMBERS** Jack McLeman, ACRD, Co-Chair  
**PRESENT:** Gillian Trumper, PAPA, Co Chair  
Randy Orr, Island Timberlands  
Bob Cole, City of Port Alberni  
Lucas Banton, ACRD  
Darren DeLuca

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni  
Shelli Lyle, Administrative Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**The Chair recognized the meeting this morning is being held in the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation Traditional Territories.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOVED: D. DeLuca*  
*SECONDED: G. Trumper*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. AC Transportation Committee Meeting held December 8, 2015.

*MOVED: D. DeLuca*  
*SECONDED: G. Trumper*

*THAT the minutes of the AC Transportation Committee Meeting held on December 8, 2015 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION**

**6. REPORTS**

**a. CH2MHill Consulting Connector Report and Highway 4**

The Committee discussed the findings of the draft report and the Horne Lake Connector expanded MAE with regards to the proposed \$22 million upgrade to the existing Highway 4 and \$80 million newly constructed Horne Lake Connector. The draft report lays out improvements on Highway 4 – basically stop signs and ditching, no crawl lanes, no blasting or cutting of trees to straighten the road for extended passing lanes. The findings do not address the main issues of Highway 4 - Cameron Lake and Cathedral grove. The potential for a major incident still exists. The Ministry appears to be listening but have their own agendas; it seems we are being set up to accept improvements on Highway 4. The committee challenges the report on the actual construction costs, Highway 4 is an open highway, a geotechnical study would need to be completed, construction would lend to increased trip time, flagging costs, cutting of trees, etc. At this point the report is not an equal comparison; if they are necessary for the Horne Lake connector they are necessary for Highway 4.

The committee's strategy is to send a letter prepared by Pat Deakin on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to Ministry staff following up on the expanded MAE with suggestions and question how the determinations were made. Two weeks later follow up and see if the final report is ready. Organize a meeting with politicians once the final report is received.

*MOVED: L. Banton*

*SECONDED: D Deluca*

*THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a response to staff at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding corrections to the draft report prepared by CMH2Hill and follow up in 2 weeks.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: G. Trumper*

*SECONDED: D Deluca*

*THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a meeting invite to Scott Fraser, MLA along with Josie Osborne, ACRD Chair and Gord Johns, MP to review the final report once received and update them on the activities of the committee.*

**CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Meeting with Qualicum First Nations**

History of the "Horne Lake Trail" the lake was originally called Enoksasent, the

government moved to secure the historic route in the public right and preserve it for future road development. In April 1911, H.H. Browne surveyed a 66-foot road allowance running from the Qualicum Reserve to Alberni and generally following the traditional Horne Lake Trail route. The new road allowance, formally called the Horne Lake and Alberni Road, was recognized in the provincial Gazette dated 8 June 1911. Despite occasional effort to establish a road between Port Alberni and Horne Lake, the 1911 Gazetted Road has never been developed. Modern road development in the greater Horne Lake area, however, has generally reflected the traditional route of the Horne Lake Trail.

Gillian Trumper discussed meeting with the Qualicum First Nations Council with Cindy Stern. The committee will request to be a delegation at a Qualicum First Nations Council meeting.

*MOVED: G. Trumper*  
*SECONDED: D. Deluca*

*THAT the AC Transportation Committee send a letter to the Qualicum First Nations to request being a delegation at the Qualicum First Nations Council meeting to discuss the Horne Lake Connector.*

**CARRIED**

**8. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: D. Deluca*  
*SECONDED: G. Trumper*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned 10:45 am.*

**CARRIED**