



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021, 1:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, meeting conducted via Zoom video/phone conferencing

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### DIRECTORS

John Jack, Chairperson, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

### PRESENT:

John McNabb, Vice-Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

Bob Beckett, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Tanya Shannon, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

Kel Roberts, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)

Dianne Bodnar, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Ron Paulson, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Rachelle Cole, District of Ucluelet

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

### REGRETS:

Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath Government

### INVITED GUESTS:

Josie Osborne, MLA, Mid-Island/Pacific Rim

Andrea McDonald, CA, Office of Josie Osborne, MLA

### STAFF PRESENT:

Douglas Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Wendy Thomson, General Manager of Administrative Services

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

Heather Zenner, Protective Services Manager

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/5-3-2021/>

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

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

The Chairperson reported this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District website.

## 2. INTRODUCTIONS

### 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOVED: Director Roberts*

*SECONDED: Director Cole*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### 4. **DISCUSSION TOPICS WITH MLA**

Opening comments from MLA Osborne. She thanked Directors for inviting her to meet today.

Director Minions entered the meeting at 1:07 pm

Director Bodnar entered the meeting at 1:30 pm

The Committee discussed the following topics with MLA Osborne (notes attached):

- a. **Emergency Management BC – Proposed Financial Guidelines**
- b. **Multi-Use Path Unsuccessful Grant**
- c. **Unauthorized Camping**
- d. **Bamfield Sewer**
- e. **Public Access to Private Forest Lands**
- f. **Tofino General Hospital**
- g. **West Coast General Hospital – Renovation Project**
- h. **Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre**
- i. **Other Items of Interest – MLA/ACRD Directors**

*MOVED: Director McNabb*

*SECONDED: Director Bodnar*

*THAT the above discussion topics be received.*

**CARRIED**

The Chairperson thanked MLA Osborne for meeting with Regional District Directors this afternoon.

### 5. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public attending the meeting via Zoom webinar. The Corporate Officer advised there were no questions from the public respecting the meeting today.

### 6. **IN-CAMERA**

*MOVED: Director Shannon*

*SECONDED: Director Beckett*

*THAT the meeting be closed to the public as per the Community Charter, section(s):*

*90 (2) (b): The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 1:46 pm.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:12 pm.

**7. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Cole*

*SECONDED: Director Roberts*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned at 2:12 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:



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John Jack,  
Chairperson



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Wendy Thomson,  
General Manager of Administrative Services

## March 5, 2021 - Committee of the Whole Meeting with MLA Josie Osborne

### 1:00pm – Topics for Discussion

- a. Emergency Management BC – Proposed Financial Guidelines
  - put unrealistic expectations for information reporting (too fast, too frequent)
  - Puts unrealistic reliance on volunteer element of a response
  - Unduly burdens local taxpayers in a response
  - We have copied you on our formal response
- b. Multi-Use Path Unsuccessful Grant
  - MUP intended to complete the last ~1km of trail joining Ucluelet and Tofino
  - Unsuccessful in Strategic Priorities Fund (2018)
  - Through first of two evaluations for ICET Funding (May 2021 adjudication)
  - Unsuccessful in Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (2021)
  - Looking for funding source(s)
- c. Unauthorized Camping
  - Broadly Inclusive Committee meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (attended by Andrea McDonald);
  - Committee has recommended to ACRD Board to start a broad, region-wide working group
  - ACRD has submitted a resolution to AVICC on this matter
  - Any improvement will take Provincial support
- d. Bamfield Sewer
  - Water quality in Bamfield Inlet has, for many years, been too polluted for swimming
  - More population and visitor pressure will result from the upcoming improvements to Bamfield road
  - Huu-ay-aht First Nations, the Bamfield Marine Science Centre and School District #70 have partnered to construct a liquid waste treatment facility with excess capacity
  - To maximize the environmental and economic benefits of this investment, broad community collection should be studied
  - Financial and other supports (including possibly for a Liquid Waste Management Plan) will be needed from the Province who has overseen the installation and regulation of failing residential and commercial liquid waste that got us to this point.
- e. Public Access to Private Forest Lands
  - This long-standing problem is showing signs of progress
  - The March 2<sup>nd</sup> press release announcing the working group's pilot, (increased public access on a trial basis through Mosaic-managed private forest lands to Scout Beach and Lowry Lake) is a promising start
  - We will need continued support from your office to broaden public access

## f. Tofino General Hospital

- The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District is urgently interested in starting the replacement of the 75+ year old hospital
- We would like to discuss how we may work together to get this project to construction

## g. West Coast General Hospital – Renovation Project

- We are pleased that this project is under way
- What can we learn from this project to remove obstacles in the way of the Tofino Hospital Replacement?

## h. Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre

- We are planning to engage the public this year to formulate a plan
- We will stay in contact with your office to seek your thoughts including on potential grant funding opportunities

## i. Other Items of Interest – MLA/ACRD Directors

- Transportation Issues on Vancouver Island