



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021, 10:00 AM

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

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)

Debbie Haggard, Alternate Director, City of Port Alberni

Ron Paulson, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Rachelle Cole, District of Ucluelet

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

REGRETS:

Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, Yuułu?it?ath Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

STAFF PRESENT:

Douglas Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning and Development

Alex Dyer, Planner

Wendy Thomson, General Manager of Administrative Services

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/26-5-2021/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The Chairperson recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuuchahnulth territories.

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

The Chairperson welcomed members of the Agricultural Development Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Roberts
SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Heather Shobe, ACRD Agricultural Support Worker, Re: System Change Grant and Other Agricultural Initiatives

The consultant provided a power point presentation on the System Change – A Shifting Focus: Expanding the Influence of Regional Agricultural Support project. The Regional District has received \$300,000 grant funding from the Vancouver Foundation for this project, \$100,000 per year for three years. Ms. Shobe outlined how the funds will be distributed and utilized. Other agricultural initiatives were outlined including: armyworm monitoring, coastal community gardens initiative and annual agricultural events.

4. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

a. Request for Decision regarding Agricultural Strategic Plan Objectives

MOVED: Director Shannon
SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Committee of the Whole support the presented focus areas for agricultural development included in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan as supported by the ACRD Strategic Plan section 1.4 (Enhance Agricultural Development)

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

Round Table Discussion – Agricultural Initiatives/Issues

- Insurance issues & working towards solutions including system changes, policies
- AVICC – Climate Change/Climate Leadership Plan – food security and policies and practices.
- Watershed management
- Supply change management
- Community gardens
- Food Hub Tours

Director Beckett left the meeting at 11:30 am

6. **LATE BUSINESS**

7. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public. The Corporate Officer advised there were no questions or comments from the public respecting an agenda topic or submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

8. **ADJOURN**

MOVED: Director Shannon

SECONDED: Director Roberts

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:38 am

CARRIED

Certified Correct:



John Jack,
Chairperson



Wendy Thomson,
General Manager of Administrative Services