



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021, 1:30 PM

Hybrid - Zoom/Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kel Roberts, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach), Chair
Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino
Rachelle Cole, Councillor, District of Ucluelet
Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, Yuułu?it?ath Government
Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation
- REGRETS:** Karen Haugen, Pacific Rim National Park
Rob Bullock, Ahousaht First Nation
Michael Lascelles, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
Norma Bird, Hesquiaht First Nation
- STAFF PRESENT:** Teri Fong, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services
Janice Hill, Executive Assistant
Tricia Bryant, Acting Chief Financial Officer

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/17-11-2021/>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The Chairperson recognized this meeting 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.

Introductions were conducted around the Board Table.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: Director Cole

SECONDED: Director Stere

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES**

a. **West Coast Committee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2021**

MOVED: Director Cole

SECONDED: Director Stere

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on October 6, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

4. **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Bob Hansen, Pacific Rim Coordinator and Marianne Paquette, Hitacu Macoah Coordinator, WildsafeBC, regarding end of season presentation on past year's program and events.**

Marianne Paquette, WildsafeBC Hitacu Macoah Coordinator provided an overview of their outreach programs during 2021 including the wildlife activity, a summary of the program's key deliverables, additional initiatives carried out and the opportunities for the next season. Reports were low in this area with a total of 16 black bear reports to the RAPP line and garbage was the most reported attractant.

Bob Hansen, WildsafeBC Pacific Rim Coordinator provided a quick overview of 2021 statistics and their program activities. Unlike the reduced activity in the Hitacu Macoah region, there was 50+ incidents involving bears and property damage. 13 bears were killed and there has been an increase in aggressive incidents with bears. There was also an increase in structural damage from bears, including damage to garbage and recycling bins, sheds and vehicles. 12 incidents with Chicken Coops and human wildlife interactions with bears were up from 44 in 2020 to 261 so far in 2021. Plans for next year were also presented.

b. **James Rodgers, Executive Director and Co-Founder, CARE Network regarding lease amendment.**

Mr. Rodgers provided an overview of the CARE Network animal rescue and education services that support community health and safety. Mr. Rodgers also provided details of their proposed lease amendment at the Long Beach Airport and the Network's desire to move from a short-term lease to a Licence of Occupation for a 20-year term with renewal.

5. **REQUESTS FOR DECISIONS**

a. **Request for Decision regarding Campground and Development Issues at the Long Beach Airport.**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director McCarthy

THAT the West Coast Committee recommends that the Board of Directors support in principle long-term development planning for lands at the Long Beach Airport and direct staff to complete an assessment of resource needs and financial implications to support this objective as part of the 2022-2026 Financial Planning Process.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

- a. Millstream Water System – Audit of Multiple Consumer Units – E. Kunderman**
- b. West Coast Organics Diversion Project Update – J. Frank**
- c. Long Beach Airport Contamination Stage 1 Report – M. McGregor**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director McCarthy

THAT the West Coast Committee receive reports a-c.

CARRIED

7. LATE BUSINESS

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public. The Acting CAO advised there were no questions or comments respecting an agenda topic from public:

- Participating in Person in the ACRD Board Room
- Participating in the Zoom webinar
- Submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

9. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Cole

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT this meeting be adjourned 2:38 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Kel Roberts

Kel Roberts,
Chairperson

Teri Fong

Teri Fong,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer