



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

## MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022, 10:00 AM

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

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### MEMBERS

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino, Vice-Chair

### PRESENT:

Marilyn McEwan, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

Dave Tovell, Pacific Rim National Park

### REGRETS:

John Rampanen, Ahousaht First Nation

Karen Haugen, Pacific Rim National Park

Jim Chisholm, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

Bob Anderson, Hesquiaht First Nation

Charles McCarthy, President, Yuułuꞑitꞑath Government

### STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Paulo Eichelberger, Solid Waste Manager

Eddie Kunderman, Operations Manager

Mark Fortune, Airport Manager

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/7-12-2022/> .

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Introductions – Committee Members and Staff present in the Boardroom.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. MINUTES**

a. **West Coast Committee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2022**

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on October 6, 2022 be received.*

**CARRIED**

### **4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

a. **Bob Hansen, WildSafe BC Pacific Rim Program Coordinator, Marianne Paquette, WildSafe BC Pacific Rim Program Coordinator, WildSafe BC Pacific Rim, Year End Presentation.**

Marianne Paquette and Bob Hansen, WildsafeBC Pacific Rim Coordinators, provided an overview of their outreach programs during 2022 including a wildlife activity update. There were 8 food-conditioned bears lethally euthanized, 35 shed/structures access by bears, 35 vehicles were opened by bears, 8 outdoor freezers were accessed by bears and 8 chicken coops were also visited by bears. Chicken coops are a high attractant for them, therefore is recommended that electric fencing be installed to keep chicken and other wildlife safe. WildSafe BC participated in four open-house Sortn’Go Roll-Out events in Tofino, Ucluelet, Hitacu and Ty-Histanis. They were very pleased to see that WildSafeBC messaging was at the forefront of the new ACRD Video on the Sortn’Go program.

The delegation also presented their roadmap ahead. They are continuing to strengthen and expand relationships with WC communities and First Nations, increasing the capacity to prevent conflicts. Accomplishments that they are building on going forward include: the implementation of the new Wildlife Attractant Management Bylaw in Tofino, adding a requirement for “WildSafe” waste management practices within business license conditions as well as development permits and expanding the wildlife related information available on both the District’s website and tourism board.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. **ACRD Sort’n Go**  
Sort’n Go ACRD West Coast Brochure

b. **Environment and Climate Change Canada**  
2022 Field Report – Salish Sea Gull Project

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

*THAT the West Coast Committee receive the above correspondence for information.*

**CARRIED**

6. **REQUESTS FOR DECISIONS**

a. **Request for Decision regarding Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and ACRD 3-year MOU to Develop a LBA Protocol Agreement.**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director McEwen

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors send a letter to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation to offer to set up a 3-year Memorandum of Understanding to develop an agreement for the Long Beach Airport and provide \$27,500 in annual funding to achieve the objectives of the MOU.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director McEwen

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors approve the updating of the Tofino Airport Bylaw Fees to increase passenger fees to \$7.50.*

**CARRIED**

b. **Request for Decision regarding Long Beach Airport Land Use and Development Plan.**

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Johnsen

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors approve a 2-year term position for an Airport Project Coordinator.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Stere*  
*SECONDED: Director Johnsen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to submit a grant application for the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for the Long Beach Airport Land Use and Development Plan Project.*

**CARRIED**

**c. Request for Decision regarding West Coast Transit Next Steps & Options.**

*MOVED: Director Stere*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee support the undertaking of an Alternative Options Study for public transit on the West Coast.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Stere*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee direct staff to include a budget, with no 2023 tax requisition for the West Coast Transit service, for the investigation and possible implementation of an alternative public transit solution in the draft 2023 to 2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan.*

**CARRIED**

## **7. REPORTS**

**a. Ex-Officio Member Updates**

- Pacific Rim National Park Update  
Acting Superintendent Dave Tovell advised that Parks Canada is currently heavily involved in management planning for the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. They are holding meetings with local first nations and will be holding public consultations coming up in a years' time. After the recent winter storm event, Parks Canada staff are also in discussions with their contactors on the maintenance of Highway 4 during winter storm events.
- Ahousaht First Nation Update – no report
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Update – no report
- Hesquiaht First Nation Update – no report

*MOVED: Director Stere*  
*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

*THAT the West Coast Committee receive the verbal reports.*

**CARRIED**

**8. LATE BUSINESS**

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public. The Executive Assistant 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca).

**10. IN-CAMERA**

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director McEwen*

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

- 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
- 21 (1) (a) (ii) of FOIPPA that would reveal commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information of or about a third party.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 11:08 am.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 11:42 am.

**11. REPORT OUT – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA**

The following resolutions passed at the in-camera portion of the West Coast Committee meeting were reported out in open meeting:

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors direct staff to renew current short-term leases with rate increases based on the 2022 LBA Market Rent Analysis by Cunningham and Rivard Appraisals Ltd. and annual BC CPI adjustments.*

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors delegate authority to the CAO to negotiate with individual lease holders and bring back to Committee any negotiations resulting in a reduction of market rate greater than ten percent.*

*THAT the West Coast Committee support undertaking a Market Rent Analysis of the Long Beach Golf Course at an estimated cost of \$3,000 plus GST.*

THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors direct staff to draft a policy that creates a framework for consistently guiding lease negotiations with lease organizations that are providing social benefit to ensure a fair and transparent system.

**12. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Stere*

*SECONDED: Director Siga*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned 11:43 am.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

*Tom Stere*

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Tom Stere,  
Vice-Chairperson

*Daniel Sailland*

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Daniel Sailland,  
Chief Administrative Officer