



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 10:00 AM

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

DIRECTORS

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

PRESENT:

Debbie Haggard, Vice-Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

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

Fred Boyko, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

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

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

Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

Cindy Solda, (Alternate Director) Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Kirsten Johnsen, Member of Council, Toquaht Nation

Jenny Touchie, Member of the Legislature, Yuułu?if?ath Government

REGRETS:

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning & Development

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services

Charlie Starratt, Regional Fire Services Coordinator

Heather Zenner, Protective Services Manager

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/8-3-2023/>

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 Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The 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 Solda

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage, City of Port Alberni, regarding update on McLean Mill Activities and use of the Yearly ACRD Grant-In- Aid.**

The delegation provided an update on the McLean Mill National Historic site and background information on the annual grant in aid contribution to McLean Mill from the Regional District. The Regional District provides an annual grant of \$30,000 and the City of Port Alberni also budgets \$30,000 annually to the Mill. The City of Port Alberni leverages these funds annually to apply for a matching cost sharing grant of \$60,000 from Parks Canada. The funding is used for restoration projects at the Mill site including the Arnold McLean garage, worker house and roof projects on the cookhouse, main garage and worker house. Upcoming projects include the restoration of the transformer pen and log haul.

4. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- a. **Request for Decision regarding Follow-up Regarding Draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan.**

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Haggard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend the Grant-in-aid McLean Mill proposed budget, as presented, be included in the first reading of the 2023-2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

- b. **Request for Decision regarding 2023 Grant-In-Aid Follow-up.**

MOVED: Director Siga

SECONDED: Director Haggard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000.00 in 2023 to the Westcoast Inland Search &

Rescue Society with the following areas participating: All Municipalities, Electoral Areas and Toquaht Nation.

CARRIED

*MOVED: Director Roth
SECONDED: Director Haggard*

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000.00 in 2023 to the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society with the following areas participating: City of Port Alberni and Electoral Areas "A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek) and "F" (Cherry Creek).

CARRIED

*MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Roth*

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the ACRD Board of Directors deny the 2023 grant-in-aid application from the Fir Park Village / Echo Village Foundation.

CARRIED

*MOVED: Director Roth
SECONDED: Director Haggard*

THAT the Committee of the Whole defer the grant-in-aid application from the Bread of Life Centre Society until the next Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED

Director Roth declared a conflict-of-interest respecting the Save Hagen Society grant in aid application and left the meeting at 10:40 am.

*MOVED: Director Solda
SECONDED: Director Cote*

THAT the Committee of the Whole waive Section 2.4 of the Grant-in-Aid policy regarding double dipping for the following organizations in 2023:

- *Port Alberni Association for Community Living*
- *Sage Haven Society*
- *Alberni District Fall Fair*

CARRIED

Director Roth re-entered the meeting at 10:43 am.

The Chairperson left the meeting at 10:44 am. Vice-Chairperson Haggard assumed the Chair.

c. **Request for Decision regarding 2023-2027 Draft Financial Plan – Region Wide Services.**

MOVED: Director Beckett

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend the E911 Telephone System proposed budget as presented be included in the first reading of the 2023-2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Committee of the Whole defer the Primary Care recruitment funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 allocated in General Government Services in 2023 until 2024.

DEFEATED

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Committee of the Whole allocate \$75,000 within the 2023 general government budget for Primary Care recruitment and recommend the General Government Services proposed budget as presented be included in the first reading of the 2023-2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

Director Boyko and Director Roth voted against the motion.

Directors Haggard, McEwen, Solda, Cote, Beckett, Johnsen, Siga and Touchie voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED: Director Roth

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Committee of the whole amend the Regional Planning and General Government services, to be included in the 2023 – 2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan, as follows: reallocate \$50,000 of Climate Action grant funding from Regional Planning to General Government and reduce the associated climate projects budget in Regional Planning by \$50,000.00.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Solda
SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend the Regional Parks proposed budget as presented be included in the first reading of the 2023-2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director McEwen
SECONDED: Director Siga

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend the Regional Planning proposed budget as presented be included in the first reading of the 2023-2027 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan bylaw.

CARRIED

Director Roth and Boyko voted against the motion.
Directors Haggard, Jack, McEwen, Solda, Cote, Beckett, Johnsen, Siga and Touchie voted in favour of the motion.

5. LATE BUSINESS
(requires 2/3 majority vote)

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public. The Corporate Officer 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.

7. IN CAMERA

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director McEwen

THAT the meeting be closed to the public as per the Community Charter, sections:
i. 90 (1) (c) Labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 11:41 am.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12:43 pm.

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

9. **ADJOURN**

MOVED: Director Solda

SECONDED: Director Roth

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 12:44 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

John Jack

John Jack,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson

Wendy Thomson,
General Manager of Administrative Services