



Around our Region



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meetings - Summer of 2020



JULY BOARD MEETING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Sproat Lake Fire Chief, Mike Cann spoke in honour of volunteer firefighter, Ron Suits, who passed away after responding to a fire call on July 16, 2020. The Board conducted a moment of silence in honour of Lt. Suits.

DELEGATIONS – Roger Harris, Forest Safety Council Ombudsmen and Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

Each provided a presentation regarding the Bamfield Road including the accident investigation report & recommendations as well as the Huu-ay-aht First Nation's proposal for upgrades to the road.

The ACRD Board of Directors resolved to request an appointment with the Premier as soon as possible to discuss Bamfield Road improvements.

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Mr. Joe Van Bergen for his many years of volunteer service to the community of Sproat Lake and the Alberni Valley. Mr. Van Bergen served on the Sproat Lake Advisory Planning Commission for over 20 years.

2020 UBCM CONVENTION

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention scheduled for September 22nd to 24th will be held virtually. The ACRD Board of Directors have requested several meetings with Provincial Ministers the week before the convention. View the ACRD Board meeting [minutes](#) for a list of the requested meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

AV & Bamfield Services Committee – Sept 2nd, 10:00 am; via Zoom

Board of Directors – Sept 9th, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; via Zoom

Electoral Area Directors Committee - Sept 15th, 10:00 am; via Zoom

AV & Bamfield Services Committee – Sept 16th, 10:00 am; via Zoom

Salmon Beach Committee Meeting – Sept 23rd, 10:00 am; via Zoom

This is not the official minutes, but an information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. For more information visit the ACRD Website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail wthomson@acrd.bc.ca.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board has referred a request from the City of Port Alberni to consider working together to explore the next steps in establishing a bus route to East Vancouver Island, for consideration at the Board Strategy session scheduled for September.

AV LANDFILL OPERATION CONTRACT

The Board approved a 5-year contract renewal with Berry and Vale Contracting Ltd. for the operation of the Alberni Valley Landfill.

ORGANICS DIVERSION

The Board supported a 3-stream system for recycling, organics and garbage collection in the City of Port Alberni beginning in spring 2021. The City of Port Alberni Council will review the proposal in September. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

WEST COAST LANDFILL TIPPING FEE

The Board adopted an amendment to Bylaw R1033-1 to allow for a \$20 charge to recycle mattresses and box springs at the West Coast Landfill.

ACRD BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board resolved to continue holding Regional District Board and Committee meetings via Zoom video conferencing. Regional District staff will investigate using Zoom webinar to allow interested members of the public to register to participate in the Zoom meetings. Visit the [ACRD website](#) for further information on how to participate in a Board or Committee meeting.

Board of Directors

Chair: John Jack
(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

Vice-Chair: Mayor Josie Osborne
(District of Tofino)

Director Bob Beckett
(Electoral Area "A"
Bamfield)

Director Tanya Shannon
(Electoral Area "B"
Beaufort)

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

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

Director John McNabb
(Electoral Area "E"
Beaver Creek)

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

Mayor Sharie Minions
(City of Port Alberni)

Councillor Debbie Haggard
(City of Port Alberni)

Councillor Rachelle Cole
(District of Ucluelet)

Councillor Kirsten Johnsen
(Toquaht Nation)

Councillor Wilfred Cootes
(Uchucklesaht Tribe
Government)

Councillor Alan McCarthy
(Yuułu?itʔatʰ Government)

COVID-19 INFO

The health, safety and wellbeing of our citizens continues to be a top priority. Please visit the ACRD website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/583> or Let's Connect [Lets Connect](#) for up to date information.

