



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - February 2023

FEBRUARY 8 MEETING

BROOMBUSTERS INVASIVE PLANT SOCIETY LOOKS FOR SUPPORT

Executive Director Joanne Sales presented on behalf of the local Broombusters regarding the spread of the invasive species Scotch Broom across Vancouver Island. Qualicum Beach will be presenting a resolution regarding the spread of Scotch Broom at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention. She requested the Board of Directors support this resolution.

WEST COAST AQUATIC UPDATE

Executive Director Tawney Lem and Director of Development Marc LaBrie provided an overview of West Coast Aquatic. They spoke to the BC Coastal Marine Strategy engagement process currently underway by the Province of BC and offered to support the Board with submitting input into the BC Coastal Marine Strategy intensions paper.

PUMPER TRUCK REPLACEMENT

The Board of Directors exempt the purchase of a new pumper truck, for Salmon Beach Sewage Service, from the ACRD's Purchasing Policy request. They authorized staff to undertake a request for quotation process for this purchase and delegate authority to the CAO to authorize the purchase, provided it's equal to or less than \$231,000.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

The Board of Directors sent a letter to Minister Ma of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness identifying concerns that the ACRD has with the Provincial Emergency Support Services Program Guide, such as the lack of consultation with Local Authorities.

BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL EMERGENCY USE, TRAINING, STORAGE

The Board of Directors entered into an agreement between the ACRD and School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim) to authorize use of the Bamfield Community School for emergency related purposes, associated training, and storage of emergency supplies.

FEBRUARY 22 MEETING

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - 2023-2027 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer presented the draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan for the ACRD and Hospital District. The draft budget can be viewed at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/675>.

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW TIMELINE

The Board of Directors endorsed the Anticipated Zoning Bylaw Review Project and Rezoning Application Timeline as presented. The report presented an expected six-month timeline for the consideration of amendment bylaws to the six Electoral Area Official Community Plans and the Board's consideration of the final draft of the updated Zoning Bylaw P1333 in spring 2023. More information on the Zoning Bylaw Review Project can be viewed at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/zbreview>.

BAMFIELD COMMUNITY PARKS BUILDING

The Board of Directors supported the application for grant funding to a maximum of \$120,000 for the renovations and climate change resilience upgrades of the Bamfield Community Parks.

COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER SUPPLY

The Board of Directors supported making the Council for Agricultural Water Supply (CAWS) a permanent working group of the ACRD with support from the Agricultural Support Workers to continue efforts to secure water supply for primary producers in the ACRD. This utilizes the upcoming provincial Watershed Security Strategy funds to achieve deliverables such as increasing water storage and installing an observation well in the Alberni Valley.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting (budget deliberations) - March 8, 10 am - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting - March 8, 1:30 pm - followed by the Regional Hospital District Meeting - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Committee of the Whole Meeting - March 22, 10 am - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting - March 22, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Special Board of Directors Meeting - (if needed) March 29, 1:30 am - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting - April 12, 1:30 pm - followed by the Regional Hospital District Meeting - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 19, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

Board of Directors Meeting - April 26, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom
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