ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

AROUND OUR REGION

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

JULY 26 MEETING

STAFF RECOGNITION

In July, the ACRD Board of Directors recognized George Rose for his long service with the Region. Chair John Jack made the presentation to George for five years as Manager of Information Technology. George also supported the ACRD as a contractor in IT for more than 20 years prior to becoming a member of the staff. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

ACRD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors supported the creation of a Transportation Advisory Committee and adopted the Committee Terms of Reference. The inaugural meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will take place in October 2023 to prioritize projects and develop a budget for 2024.

GRANT FUNDING FOR BAMFIELD FIRE HALL

The Board of Directors supported the grant application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for the Development of a Sustainable and Climate Resilient Design for the West Bamfield Fire Hall.

MAPLEHURST PARK PLAN UPDATE

The Board of Directors resolved to remove the Willow Road parking access area from the Maplehurst Park Plan after receiving additional information from staff and area residents.

BEAVER CREEK WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES

The Board of Directors approved the adoption of Beaver Creek Water System Development Cost Charge Amendment Bylaw F1133-1 to adjust Beaver Creek Water DCC rates.

BYLAW PASSES TO ALLOW INCREASED AREA IN ACCESSORY DWELLINGS

The Board of Directors approved Bylaw P1473, allowing an increase in permitted floor area for accessory dwelling units and decrease the required lot size in the South Long Beach OCP to align with other ACRD OCPs.

STREAMLINING PLANNING PROCESS BYLAW P1480

Board of Directors adopted the Development Procedures and Fees Bylaw P1480 to streamline planning processes and increase development fees in two stages.

AUGUST 23 MEETING

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Two new additions to the ACRD team were introduced to the Board of Directors at the beginning of their meeting. Kristin Kerr-Donohue and Charlene Harrison have joined the Administration Department as Administrative Assistants.

APRIL TO JUNE UPDATE FROM THE RCMP

Port Alberni RCMP Staff Sgt. Mike Thompson updated the board on their activity for April to June. They received 3,658 calls for service, 684 were in the ACRD and 2,974 were in the City of Port Alberni. Compared to this period in 2022, criminal offences were down 12%, property crime offences were down 27%, and person offences were down 6%. The Board also received an overview of the 2023/24 Annual Performance Plan priorities for the local detachment.

BYLAW P1477 AND P1478 PASS ALLOWING COTTAGES

The Board of Directors adopted Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw P1477 and Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw P1478 to allow for residential and cottage rental uses on the property located at 2401 Grant Avenue in the Millstream area of Long Beach.

GRANT FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY

The Board of Directors directed staff to apply to the Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness Program for funding to explore regional food security and agricultural resilience from an emergency management perspective. Securing this funding would allow the ACRD to conduct a regional study focused on food/agricultural security to help buffer against climate-related emergencies and supply chain disruptions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meeting - September 13, 1:30 pm - followed by the Regional Hospital District Meeting - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom
Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting - September 27, 10 am - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom
Board of Directors Meeting - September 27, 1:30 pm - ACRD Boardroom/Zoom
All meetings are held in the ACRD boardroom and virtually. Visit the Regional District website at www.acrd.bc.ca for further details on public participation in meetings. Input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

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