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## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - January 2024

### JANUARY MEETINGS

#### STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board of Directors were officially introduced to news staff members Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services, and Brooke Eschuk, Junior Planner.



(Left) On behalf of the ACRD, Board Chair John Jack (left) and CAO Daniel Sailland (middle) recognized Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning and Development, for his 25 years of service with the ACRD at the January 10 Board Meeting.

(Right) The Board also recognized the Region's Airport Manager Mark Fortune for his years of service with the Region. Officially, Mark has worked for the Region for 10 years, but his time working for the Region is closer to 25 when you count the years he spent working as a contractor. Chair John Jack (right) and General Manager of Community Services Jenny Brunn (middle) made the presentation on January 24



#### LOG TRAIN TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN MOVES FORWARD

The Board of Directors adopted the Log Train Trail Regional Park Management Plan. Staff will incorporate operational action items into the 2024-2028 workplan and Regional Parks Service Financial Plan. The Log Train Trail lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will be updated to reflect the plan. Direction was also given for staff to investigate expanding the ACRD managed area of the Log Train Trail network to improve access to connectivity to the main trail corridor and to consider options of engagement for local input into the development of a Regional Parks and Trails Committee.

#### SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Following a presentation regarding the Vancouver Island Bioregional Food System Project: Planning for Resilience and Community, the Board agreed to allow staff to work in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University in their Bioregional Food system study for Vancouver Island and to provide a letter of support for their grant application(s).

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

- Smith Road Watermain Replacement contract was awarded to Leuco Construction Inc.
- Long Beach Golf Course and Campground (Long Beach Recreational Cooperative) for lease lot LS-L2024001 - 10-year lease agreement approved
- West Coast Landfill Operations contract was awarded to Berry and Vale Contracting Ltd. for a five-year term
- West Coast Landfill Cover Building contract was awarded to SpanMaster Structures Ltd.

#### GETTING READY FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PROCESS

The Board of Directors reviewed the OCP updated Work Plan and Engagement Strategy and will be proceeding with comprehensive updates to the Electoral Area Official Community Plans in the following order:

1. South Long Beach and Sproat Lake,
2. Beaver Creek and Beaufort,
3. Bamfield and Cherry Creek.

The ACRD will be issuing a request for proposals to hire a consultant to lead the updates to the six Electoral Area Official Community Plans. The process is expected to start in the spring of 2024 and conclude by the end of 2027.

#### ENDORING RESOLUTIONS FOR AVICC CONFERENCE

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Conference will be held April 12-14, 2024. The Board endorsed resolutions regarding drought and the need to conduct inventory of surface and groundwater availability and to plan for freshwater storage requirements to a minimum 50-year threshold. The second resolution endorsed was for permanent establishment and maintenance of emergency routes and for an inventory of active forestry roads that could be maintained for emergency evacuation purposes.

#### BYLAWS:

- Bylaw P1461, Sproat Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw was adopted (rezoning)
- Bylaw P1462, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw was adopted (rezoning)

The next meetings of the ACRD Board of Directors takes place on February 14 and February 28.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Chair: John Jack

Huu-ay-aht First Nations

#### Councillor Debbie Haggard

City of Port Alberni (vice-chair)

#### Director Bob Beckett

Electoral Area "A" Bamfield

#### Director Fred Boyko

Electoral Area "B" Beaufort

#### Director Vaida Siga

Electoral Area "C" Long Beach

#### Director Penny Cote

Electoral Area "D" Sproat Lake

#### Director Susan Roth

Electoral Area "E" Beaver Creek

#### Director Mike Sparrow

Electoral Area "F" Cherry Creek

#### Mayor Sharie Minions

City of Port Alberni

#### Councillor Tom Stere

District of Tofino

#### Mayor Marilyn McEwen

District of Ucluelet

#### Councillor Kirsten Johnsen

Toquaht Nation

#### Councillor Moriah Cootes

Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

#### Levana Mastrangelo - Executive Legislator

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