



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - May/June 2025

MAY 14 & 28 AND JUNE 11 & 25

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- The May 28 Board meeting was held on the ḥahuuli (traditional territory) of Huu-ay-aht First Nations. At the start of the meeting, Director Beckett thanked Huu-ay-aht First Nations for their support during the Bamfield Water System emergency repair.
- Nelson Ireland presented his response to Development Variance Application DVA25005 for 422 Burlo Island, Bamfield.
- Adam Bishop, Manager of Accessible Transit, BC Transit, Custom Transit made a presentation to the Board of Directors on Accessible Transit.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- The Board of Directors supported the letter dated May 26, 2025, to the Premier, Minister of Forests, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Minister of Health regarding the State of Emergency in the Alberni Valley Forest Economy and directed staff to draft a letter of support.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- The Board of Directors will send a letter to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure and the Mid-Island Pacific Rim MLA to request that appropriate Ministry staff from the BC government be invited to attend a future Committee of the Whole meeting to present on Bill 14- Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act and Bill 15 - Infrastructure Projects Act.

REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- The Board of Directors approved an exemption of the purchase of a heavy-duty pickup truck from the ACRD's Purchasing Policy Request for Proposal process and directed the CAO to purchase the 2023 Silverado 3500 Crew Cab to a maximum amount of \$67,000 (excluding GST).
- The Board of Directors agreed to write a letter of support for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program to the Minister of Health, Josie Osborne and the Deputy Minister of Health, Stephen Brown requesting continued support and funding for the program.
- The Board of Directors resolved to send a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to request that BC Ferries reinstate priority boarding for livestock and agricultural products at all ferry terminals.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate alternative bus stop locations for BC Transit in the Millstream area.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to add the investigation of the inclusion of the Cougars Pass Crown land into the Bamfield Community Parks inventory and bring further information back to the Bamfield Area Services Committee. They will also be sending a letter to the Province to indicate that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District wishes to retain the first right of refusal, while including Huu-ay-aht First Nations in this correspondence.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to draft a Respectful Spaces Bylaw.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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For more information, visit the ACRD Website (www.acrd.bc.ca) or contact the Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2731 or e-mail hzenner@acrd.bc.ca.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The ACRD Board of Directors meets monthly for the summer months. The next meeting is on July 23, followed by August 27. Both meetings will be followed by the Regional Hospital District meeting. For questions, call 250-720-2700 or e-mail administration@acrd.bc.ca.



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REQUEST FOR DECISIONS (CONTINUED)

- The Board of Directors approved awarding a Grant-in-Aid to the following recipients:

2025 West Coast Grant-in-Aid category:

- \$1,000 to the Pacific Rim Arts Society
- \$2,000 to the Ucluelet and Area Historical Society
- \$2,000 to the Ucluelet Aquarium
- \$2,000 to the Tofino Arts Council
- \$2,000 to the West Coast Multiplex
- \$1,000 to the Tofino Chamber of Commerce

2025 Regional Grant in-Aid category

- \$2,500 to the Alberni District Fall Fair
- \$6,000 to Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue
- \$5,000 to the Vancouver Island North Film Commission
- \$6,000 to the Alberni Valley Rescue Squad
- \$5,500 to the Port Alberni Shelter Society
- \$5,000 to Alberni Valley Makerspace

2025 Alberni Valley and Bamfield Grant-in-Aid category

- \$3,000 to the Canadian Council of the Blind
- \$7,500 to the Port Alberni Backpack Program Society
- \$26,000 to Port Alberni Victim Services
- \$10,000 to West Coast Aquatic
- \$4,200 to Alberni Valley Food Security Society
- \$1,100 to Broombusters Invasive Plant Society
- \$1,420 to Alberni Valley Hospice Society
- \$450 to the Port Alberni Community Action Team
- \$5,000 to the Port Alberni Salmon Festival Society
- \$3,324 to the Wholesome Meals on Wheels Association of PA
- \$12,820.50 to the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society
- \$12,284 to the ADAPS Youth and Family Services
- \$30,900 to the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

2025 Cherry Creek Electoral Area Grant-in-aid category

- \$22,000 to the Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission

2025 Bamfield Electoral Area Grant-in-aid category

- \$10,000 to Bamfield Community Affairs

- The Board of Directors endorsed the following health-related resolutions and directed staff to submit for consideration at the 2025 UBCM Conference:
 - Local voices, stronger healthcare: reinstating regional health boards in rural BC,
 - Resolution to expand career-life connections with a rural practicum program, and
 - Strengthening rural healthcare through scope-based compensation models
- The Board of Directors directed staff to proceed with the actions outlined as alternative resolutions 1-3 in the UBCM 2025 Resolutions- Primary Care Service in Rural Areas report:
 - Send a letter of request to MLA Josie Osborne (Minister of Health) to discuss the three UBCM resolutions at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting to seek coordinated paths for ongoing discussion regarding primary care service in the region.

- Send a letter to Doctors of BC requesting that they implement a pay structure and incentive model that directly aligns with the scope of responsibilities undertaken by primary care providers in rural areas in the next Physician Master Agreement (PMA).
 - Send a letter to the 26 other Regional Districts across the province asking that they consider the value of the rural pay structure and incentives being proposed by the ACRD and that they consider sending a similar letter to the Doctors of BC regarding the Physician Master Agreement.
- The Board of Directors approved a recycling contract renewal for Electoral Area E (Beaver Creek), Tseshaht First Nation, and Hupačasath First Nation Residential Curbside Collection Services with Nicklin Waste Disposal in the amount of \$92,129.40 (excluding GST) per year on a three-year term, commencing July 1, 2025.



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REQUEST FOR DECISION (CONTINUED)

- The Board of Directors awarded the Exempt Staff Compensation Review contract to White and Gale Consulting in the amount of \$23,010 (excluding GST).
- The Board of Directors supported the grant funding application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for:
 - The Building Energy Efficiency Assessment of the Beaver Creek Fire Department - Fire Hall, the Sproat Lake Fire Department - Harold Bishop Fire Hall and the Sproat Lake Fire Department - Lakeshore Fire Hall,
 - The Stormwater planning and engineered design of Long Beach Airport's Apron III,
 - The Long Beach Airport Approach Lighting Design and Planning,
 - The engineered design of Beaver Creek Water System's North Reservoir,
 - The development of a Bamfield Water System Capital Plan,
 - The development of an Alberni Valley Landfill Alternate Site Study, and
 - The development of a West Coast Landfill Biosolids Processing Options and Optimization Plan.
- The Board of Directors approved the execution of the 2025-2026 Annual Operating Agreement between BC Transit and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for the Alberni Valley Custom and West Coast Conventional Transit systems. They also approved execution of the 2025 Annual Operating Agreement - Amendment 1 between BC Transit and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for the Alberni Valley Custom Transit system, which also incorporates the initial agreement for the West Coast Conventional Transit system.
- The Board of Directors approved the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District 2024 Statement of Financial Information, including all the statements and schedules.



The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District staff wore orange on Fridays again this year in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

- The Board of Directors adopted the bylaw cited as "Bylaw F1170-1, 2025 to 2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan Amendment" for an increase of \$80,000 to the Beaver Creek Water System.
- The Board of Directors agreed to send a letter to Tseshah First Nation requesting the development of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Landfill Crown Tenure.

PLANNING MATTERS

Development Variance Applications:

- Considered with conditions:
 - DVA25005, Dombi-Sahj, 422 Burlo Island (Bamfield), at the June 11 Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors deferred a decision on Development Variance Permit DVA25005, and that the application package and all correspondence be referred to the Bamfield Advisory Planning Commission for further discussion.



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PLANNING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Development Variance Applications:

- Considered with conditions:
 - DVC25003, Mallory, 1186 Third Ave, Salmon Beach (Long Beach)
 - DVF25001, Francoeur, 6614 Andrews Lane (Cherry Creek)

Temporary Use Permits:

- Considered with conditions:
 - TUP21005R, Shannon, 8865 Beaver Creek Road (Beaufort)
 - TUP25008, Mackenzie, 8335 Beaver Creek Road (Beaufort)
 - TUP25001, Mesic, 10407 Marina Vista Drive (Sproat Lake)

Permits issued:

- Development Variance Applications:
 - DVD24015, Robertson, 9898 Lakeshore Road (Sproat Lake)
- Temporary Use Permits:
 - TUP25005, Redman, 4585 Compton Road (Beaver Creek)

Rezoning and Bylaws

- Considered proceeding to public input:
 - RF24015, Bennet, 6088 Cottam Rd (Cherry Creek) - Third reading
 - RE25001, Beecroft, 6317 Walker Road (Beaver Creek) - Third reading

Approved

- RD24009, Durmuller, 5801 Sarenga Road (Sproat Lake)
 - Bylaw P1515, Sproat Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw - adopted
 - Bylaw P1516, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw - adopted

- SD22007, Mykyte, Park Land Dedication - 11196 Taylor Arm Drive (Sproat Lake) - Park Land Dedication - The Board of Directors accept the park land dedication as presented on the proposed subdivision Plan EPP130344 to meet the requirements of Section 510 of the Local Government Act for the five-lot strata subdivision.
- SD22007, Mykyte, Parcel Frontage Waiver - 11196 Taylor Arm Drive (Sproat Lake) - Parcel Frontage Waiver - Board of Directors waive the 10% road frontage requirement, as per section 512 of the Local Government Act, for proposed strata lots one through five as shown on proposed bare land strata plan EPS8098.

STAFF REPORTS

- The Board of Directors received the report titled "Bamfield Development Plan - A Review of Land Capacity and Infrastructure".
- Staff presented the Area C (South Long Beach) Official Community Plan Update - Phase 3: Community Engagement Summary Report and the Draft Vision and Goals Memorandum to the Board of Directors, and they receive it as presented.

LATE BUSINESS

- Apportionment and Withdrawing from a Service - The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate alternative apportionment methods for the Alberni Valley custom transit system, as well as the steps involved in withdrawing from a service and bring a report back to the Alberni Valley & Bamfield Services Committee for further discussion.