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Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - August & September 2025

AUGUST 27 & SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- The Board of Directors recognized three staff members for their long service with the ACRD:
 - Luc Stefani, Building Inspector/Property Maintenance Coordinator - 10 Years
 - Alex Dyer, General Manager of Planning & Development - 15 years
 - Janice Hill, Executive Assistant - 15 years
- The ACRD Sproat Lake Marine Patrol presented to the Board of Directors an overview of their summer on Sproat Lake.
- Kara Mackenzie made a presentation to the Board of Directors in relation to Temporary Use Permit Applicant TUP25008, Beaufort.
- Caroline Ellis, a resident of the Beaufort Electoral Area, offered the Board of Directors her response to Temporary Use Permit Application TUP25008, Beaufort.
- Port Alberni RCMP Inspector Kim Bruce presented the Board of Directors a summary report for the second quarter, covering April, May, and June 2025.
- Ken Sander, representing the Alberni Golf Club, made a presentation to the Board of Directors requesting a tax exemption for the Club.
- Wayne Coulson, CEO for Coulson Group, and Britton Coulson, President and COO of Coulson Group, made a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding Coulson Airplane Ltd. and the challenges faced by the company in their expansion efforts at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport.
- Nick Holatko represented the Riders of the Alberni Valley, and he made a presentation to the Board about the Maquinna Trail Network.



The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Chair and Vice-Chair John Jack and Deb Haggard recognize (left to right) Luc Stefani (10 years), Janice Hill (15 years), and Alex Dyer (15 years) for their years of service at the ACRD.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Directors approved registering Alex Sam as a student participant to attend the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria, scheduled for September 22-26, 2025, and directed staff to apply to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to assist with up to 50% travel and accommodation reimbursement to a maximum of \$1,000.
- The Board of Directors passed a motion to direct staff to prepare a 2026 Tax Exemption Bylaw for the Alberni Golf Club and Long Beach Golf Course and bring additional information on the non-profit status of the Alberni Golf Club Ltd.

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

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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

Yuulu?i?at?h Government

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**AUGUST 27 & SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 (CONTINUED)****REQUEST FOR DECISIONS**

- The Board of Directors adopted Bylaw F1170-2, 2025 to 2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan Amendment. This amendment is to provide \$25,000 in 2026 and \$15,000 per year through 2027-2029 with annual projected cost increases of 4% to the General Government Services Office Operations Budget, allowing for agenda management and electronic voting software to be utilized.
- The Board of Directors supported the UBCM funding application to the Community-to-Community Program to host an economic development workshop to gather information on initiatives in the region and begin to define the scope of an ACRD proposed economic development service.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to designate Saturday, September 20, 2025, as a free transit day for the West Coast Transit service, in support of the 25th Anniversary Gathering hosted by the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and ̑aʔuukʷiʔaʔh (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation).
- The Board of Directors approved the amendment of lease LS-A2025007 for the Ministry of Forests at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport to include the adjacent ground-side lot for a term of 10 years and 10 months, commencing September 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2036.
- The Board of Directors approved lease LS-A2025006 with Coulson Aviation for lots 12 and 13 at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport for a term of three years.
- The Board of Directors adopted bylaw cited as Bylaw F1170-3, 2025 to 2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan Amendment. This designates funding for replacement of the roof on a Long Beach Airport building currently leased to Parks Canada.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate the feasibility of submitting a Section 57 application in collaboration with the Riders of Alberni Valley, to authorize multi-use recreational trails on Maquinna Crown land, and report back with further information as part of the 2026 workplan.



The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District staff wear orange shirts every Monday in September, joining many other organizations in the Alberni Valley in a show of respect. September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Recognition. We wear orange to honour residential school survivors and the children who never returned home. We stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, families, and communities in recognition of this important day.

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- The Board of Directors awarded the Long Beach Airport Roofing Replacement contract to Aurora Roofing Ltd in the amount of \$135,355 (excluding GST)
- The Board of Directors awarded, from the 2025 Beaufort Grant-in-Aid category, a \$500 grant to the Alberni Valley Enhancement Association.
- The Board of Directors renewed the Alberni Valley Sort'nGo Centre Operations contract with Berry and Vale Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$1,177,918.92 annually plus BC CPI and excluding GST for a 5-year term and authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute the contract on behalf of the Regional District.

PLANNING MATTERS**Rezoning and Bylaws:**

- Considered a first time and proceeding to public input:
 - RD24007 - 7775 Pacific Rim Highway, Bylaw P1526 and P1527 first reading and public hearing delegated.



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PLANNING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Rezoning and Bylaws

- Deferred:
 - Board of Directors deferred a decision on Development Variance Permit DVF25001 to allow the applicants to address concerns raised during the public notice period and to invite the applicants to present to the Board as a delegation.

Parcel Frontage Waiver:

- **SD24009PFW**, Sproat Lake - The Board of Directors waived the 10% road frontage requirement, as per section 512 of the Local Government Act, for proposed Strata Lot 1 as shown on the subdivision plan for the property located at 18440 Pacific Rim Hwy.
- **SE25006PFW**, Beaver Creek - The Board of Directors waived the 10% road frontage requirement, as per section 512 of the Local Government Act, for proposed Lot B as shown on the subdivision plan for the property located at 6320 Beaver Creek Rd.

Development Variance Applications:

- Deferred:
 - Board of Directors deferred a decision on Development Variance Permit **DVA25005** to the October 8, 2025, Board of Directors meeting to allow the applicants to address concerns raised during the public notice period and to invite the applicants to present to the Board as a delegation.

Temporary Use Permits:

- Issued
 - **TUP25008** - 8335 Beaver Creek Rd., Beaufort
 - **TUP24008** - 10404 Marina Vista Dr., Sproat Lake



More orange shirts worn on Mondays. Tseshaht First Nations began this tradition, and the ACRD is honoured to participate.



REPORTS

- The Board of Directors received a staff report regarding Electoral Area Incorporation and provided information regarding grant opportunities to fund Electoral Area Incorporation exploration.
- The Board of Directors resolved to submit a late resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding collaboration between the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to:
 - Partner with the private sector to retrofit a portion of Canada's retired CC-130H Hercules fleet into large air tankers for wildfire suppression.
 - Deploy these aircraft as part of a strengthened national wildfire response capacity, to be shared with provinces and territories and, where appropriate, used for international humanitarian and emergency missions. Consider that the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre assist in managing deployment under a transparent cost-sharing framework, with initial operating capability by the 2027 wildfire season.
 - Prioritize this made-in-Canada solution that leverages Canadian engineering, protects lives, communities, and the environment.