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## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - October 2025

### OCTOBER 8 AND 22, 2025

#### DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Jenna Hildebrand, project planner, Sandy Mackay, housing research and policy lead, from M’akola Development Services, made a presentation on the ACRD Electoral Area Housing Needs Reports.
- Ildiko Dombi, the development variance applicant for DVA25005 on Burlo Island (Bamfield), made a presentation on the application.
- Nelson Ireland presented their response to the DVA25005 application on Burlo Island (Bamfield).
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit’s Michael Pearson, director of Vancouver Island District, and Vancouver Island Operations Manager Nikki Schneider provided an update on Highway 4 and Cathedral Grove.
  - Update on Highway 4 roundabout at Beaver Creek Road - Construction will start in the next two weeks (from October 22) and will take approximately one year. Timing adjustments at the bottom of Johnston Road can be made if needed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- In response to a letter from the Minister of Children and Family Development, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District declared October as Foster Family Month and thanked families and foster caregivers for their dedication and commitment to children and youth in care.
- The Board of Directors deferred a decision on the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce request to include Visitor Services in the establishment of a regional economic development service. This discussion will be deferred to the 2026/2030 Financial Plan discussions. If the ACRD is successful in their funding application to Community to Community program this will also be considered during an economic development proposed service workshop.



ACRD Chair John Jack (right) and Ditidaht Chief Councillor Judi Thomas (left) met with Minister of Transportation and Transit Mike Farnworth (middle) at the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Victoria. They took the opportunity to discuss the permanent establishment and maintenance of an alternative route to Highway 4.

#### LETTERS

- The Board of Directors will provide a letter of support for Huu-ay-aht Group of Business for a Destination Canada grant application and for a Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure grant application.
- The Board of Directors approved sending a letter to the BC Minister of Environment and Parks urging that mattresses and foundations (box springs) be added to the Recycling Regulation.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OCTOBER 8 AND 22, 2025 (CONTINUED)

## LETTERS CONTINUED

- The Board of Directors will provide a letter for the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust in support of their grant applications to the Community Economic Development and Diversification Program and the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program.
- The Board of Directors will send a letter to the Office of the Premier, Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), to request action for the resolution submitted to the UBCM requesting that the Province of British Columbia collaborate with the Government of Canada to:
  - Partner with the private sector and First Nations 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.
- The Board of Directors will send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Transit, Minister of Environment and Parks, and MLA Osborne requesting safety improvements to Cathedral Grove parking areas and safe access to parking areas, while encouraging other adjacent municipalities and First Nations to lobby for these same improvements.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to send a letter to the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust explaining the inability of the ACRD to award community works funds to third parties.



ACRD Vice-chair Debbie Haggard (right of centre) and Director Penny Cote (second from left) represented the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) in a meeting with Minister of Transportation and Transit Honourable Mike Farnworth (middle) and Parliamentary Secretary for Transit Honourable George Anderson MLA (left) at the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Victoria. They discussed prioritizing funding the minimum required upgrades to the West to East section of the Island Rail Corridor to allow for its use in the event of a wildfire or highway closure. Also in attendance was Honourable Sheila Malcolmson (right), RDN Chair Vanessa Craig (second from right), MLA Stephanie Higginson (left of center).

## CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

- The Board of Directors awarded the Long Beach Airport Land Use Planning and First Nations Engagement contract to Imagination FX in the amount of \$99,979 (excluding GST).
- The Board of Directors awarded the Bamfield Transfer Station Recycling Coordinator three-year contract to Patrick McNamara, in an amount starting at \$24,000 annually and subject to annual adjustments based on CPI.

## REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- The Board of Directors adopted Bylaw cited as "2026 Tax Exemption Bylaw No. F1172," granting tax exemptions to the Alberni Valley Golf Club and Long Beach Recreation Cooperative for 2026.
- The Board of Directors adopted an ACRD Procurement Policy and rescinded the Purchasing Policy dated Sept. 11, 2013.
- The Board of Directors approved a Contract Amendment to the Bamfield Submarine Waterline Replacement Design Review and Construction with Fraser Burrard Diving Ltd. in the amount of \$40,507.40 (excluding GST) plus a \$75,893.30 project contingency.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to incorporate single-stream recycling into the Salmon Beach waste management system, with implementation included in the 2026 workplan.

**OCTOBER 8 AND 22, 2025 (CONTINUED)****REQUEST FOR DECISIONS CONTINUED**

- The Board of Directors received the report "North Reservoir Replacement – Conceptual Design Option Review" for the Beaver Creek Water System and directed staff to move forward with a detailed design using Option 1, the epoxy coated steel tank on a raised concrete foundation.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw R1029-9 Amendment-Alberni Valley Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw* in order to add the Organics Self-Haul Punch Card fee of \$25 and update the gypsum tipping fees to \$295/tonne, effective on January 1, 2026.
- The Board of Directors adopted bylaw cited as "*Long Beach Airport Utility System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. F1171, 2025*," a new comprehensive utility bylaw for the water and sewer system.
- The Board of Directors received the 2025 Electoral Area Housing Needs Reports and Regional Summary Housing Needs Report.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Program Fund for Emergency Support Services with interested grant partners and to provide overall grant management, if successful.
- The Board of Directors supported the application for funding from CEPF-Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training through UBCM for the purchase of firefighting equipment and training and directed staff to provide overall grant management for the project, if successful, for a maximum amount of \$30,000 for Beaver Creek, Sproat Lake, and Bamfield Volunteer Fire Departments.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw R1033-8 Amendment - West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw* and directed staff to develop a detailed proposal for an Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) Landfill Diversion Program to encourage businesses in establishing and participating in diversion initiatives.

**PLANNING MATTERS****Rezoning and Bylaws**

- Consider bylaws subject to neighbour notification and meeting conditions:
  - **RE25002** - Beaver Creek

**Parcel Frontage Waiver:**

- The Board of Directors waived the 10% road frontage requirement of the Local Government Act relating to the following subdivision applications:
  - **SE24008PFW** – Three-lot subdivision in Beaver Creek
  - **SE24011PFW** – Two-lot subdivision in Beaver Creek
  - **SF25003PFW** – Two-lot subdivision in Cherry Creek

**Development Variance Applications:**

- Denied:
  - **Development Variance Permit DVA25005** – Burlo Island, Bamfield.
- Consider issuing subject to neighbour notification:
  - **DVD25004** - Sproat Lake
  - **DVE25010** - Beaver Creek

**Temporary Use Permits:**

- Consider issuing subject to neighbour notification and meeting conditions:
  - **TUP25012** - Cherry Creek
- Deferred
  - **TUP25016** - Bamfield - to allow the Huu-ay-aht Group of Business to attend a future Board meeting to provide a presentation on this application.

**REPORTS**

- The Board of Directors directed staff to develop the *ACRD Procedure Bylaw* based on input received at Committee of the Whole meetings from March 12, 2025 through October 8, 2025 and bring a draft copy of the bylaw to a Board.
- The Board of Directors received the Sproat Lake and Area Official Community Plan Update - Phase 3: Community Engagement Summary Report and Draft Vision and Goals Memorandum.

**Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program returns for 2025/26**

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