



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

JULY 23, 2025



## 2025 ACRD Grant-in-aid recipients

The 2025 ACRD Grants-in-Aid have been awarded by the ACRD Board of Directors, and a list of the recipients can be found at

[www.acrd.bc.ca/communityfunding](http://www.acrd.bc.ca/communityfunding).

The Board may provide grant funds to a registered organization, registered charity, non-profit or not-for-profit, society or societies for services, and projects or initiatives that provide a social, economic, recreational, or environmental benefit to the communities within the Region.

(Above) Alberni Valley and Bamfield (Right) West Coast.



### DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Norm Kempe and Dean Fenn, BC Timber Sales offered an update on the deactivation of Kurtz Crib on South Taylor Main Forest Service Road.
- Residents of Long Beach Electoral Area, Scott Johnson and Jennifer Fitzgerald, made a presentation on the Public Transit Route in Millstream subdivision. The Board of Directors directed staff to work with Director Siga, BC Transit, and the community to determine transit solutions for the Millstream Community.

### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- The Board of Directors will provide a letter of support to the Tsuma-as Housing Society for their funding application to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for a proposed housing project at the former APD mill site.

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

- The Board of Directors directed staff to write a letter to the Honorable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, and Minister of Agriculture and Food requesting that Farm to School BC funding be reinstated.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The ACRD Board of Directors meets monthly for the summer months. The next meeting is on August 27. This month the Regional Hospital District meeting will take place before the meeting at 10 am. For questions, call 250-720-2700 or e-mail [administration@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:administration@acrd.bc.ca)



**JULY 23, 2025 (CONTINUED)**

## **REQUEST FOR DECISIONS (CONTINUED)**

- The Board of Directors supported grant applications to the Capacity Building Stream of the Strategic Priorities Fund for the:
  - Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department Harold Bishop Firehall Expansion
  - Long Beach Airport Wastewater Septic System Replacement and Expansion
  - Bamfield Tsunami Warning System
  - Design, Operations, and Closure Plan for the West Coast Landfill
- The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate the assumption of ownership for South Long Beach Multi-Use Pathway, including the request of a full asset inventory and condition report from the District of Ucluelet. The Board also directed staff to officially inform the District of Ucluelet that the contribution limit for the South Long Beach Multi-Use Pathway is set at \$7,000 for 2025 and that a maximum increase to \$8,750 would be considered for 2026, if the District was willing to enter into a maintenance agreement.
- The Board of Directors supported the grant funding application as municipal partner with the Alberni Valley Food Security Society for the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund and directed staff to provide overall grant management for the project, if successful.
- The Board of Directors awarded the Aquatics Review and Feasibility contract to HCMA Architecture + Design in the amount of \$63,790 (excluding GST).
- The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate the Log Train Trail and report on liability concerns, usage requirements, and enforcement options for the different sections of the trail.
- The Board of Directors supported the creation of an Organics Self-Haul Pilot Program for the Alberni Valley and Bamfield to incentivize residents who self-haul waste to divert food and kitchen waste.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to add water meter installation to the 2026-2030 Financial Plan for the Millstream Water System, contingent on receiving at least 50% grant funding for the project. They will also consider the Millstream Water System Upgrade project for Community Works funding.
- The Board of Directors approved tipping fee waivers for Food Bank on the Edge, up to a maximum of \$4,000.

- The Board of Directors awarded the Salmon Beach Road Maintenance rate contract to Tranquil Contracting.
- The Board of Directors received the Beaver Creek Water System Alternative Water Source Supply study prepared by McElhanney Ltd. They also directed staff to prepare the cost estimates for land acquisition, water quality investigation, and preliminary design work on development of the Beaver Creek Water Treatment Plant as presented in the McElhanney report, including First Nations engagement. Further to that, they asked that staff ensure that capital costs and operating costs are clearly separated in all future reporting and financial estimates related to the proposed treatment plant to support accurate funding applications, borrowing decisions, and long-term financial planning.
- The Board of Directors received the ACRD Inclusive Regional Governance Models Exploration Grant Report and Update and directed staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to request additional funding to continue to advance Inclusive Regional Governance and schedule a meeting to determine a workplan for advancing next steps.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to invite BC Parks staff to attend a future Board meeting to discuss ongoing safety concerns with Cathedral Grove.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### Development Variance Applications:

- Issued: DVC25003 - Long Beach

### Permits issued

- Temporary Use Permits:

- Approved:

- TUP25001 - Sproat Lake
- TUP21005R - Beaufort
- Deferred: Board of Directors received a delegation from a neighbour opposing the Temporary Use Permit - TUP25008. The Board deferred application TUP25008 - Beaufort to allow the applicant time to address concerns raised by the neighbourhood and invite the applicant to present to the Board as a delegation.

### Rezoning and Bylaws

- Approved zoning amendment:
  - RE25001 - Beaver Creek