



# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors Meetings - January 2026

JANUARY 14 & 28, 2026



Like many in our community, the staff at the ACRD were shocked and upset about the vandalism to the "Orange Bridge." A group of staff represented the ACRD team in a show of support to Tseshaht First Nation by helping to repaint the bridge on January 21.



### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- The Board of Directors will provide a non-binding letter of support to the Organizing Committee of FIFA Activities in the Alberni Valley. This confirms its support for the Alberni Valley initiative to secure designation as a FIFA 2026 Pre-Tournament Training Facility. It came with the understanding that this does not commit the Board or local taxpayers to any financial, operational, or legal obligation, and that any future agreements be subject to Board approval and legal review.
- The Board of Directors joined the Village of Cumberland and other local governments in sending a letter to the Premier and select Ministers of British Columbia regarding watershed governance and funding.

- The Board of Directors supported the request made by Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation to change the official names of Chesterman Beach to *háhaquuʔa*, Kennedy Lake to *haʔuukmin*, and Meares Island to *wančas hiłhuuʔis*.
- The Board of Directors nominated Director Fred Boyko to be the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District's nominee for consideration to the Port Alberni Port Authority's Port Advisory Nominating Committee.

### REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- The Board of Directors re-confirmed the Board Remuneration Review Policy as presented and instruct staff to commence the process to appoint members to the 2026 Board Remuneration Review Committee, including putting out a call for submissions for a member-at-large to sit as a volunteer on the 2026 Board Remuneration Review Committee.

### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, TRACY!

After 35 years of service at the ACRD, Tracy Bond is retiring. If you see her, make sure to wish her a happy retirement.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

The Board will:

- Approve the lobbying strategy and direct staff to implement immediate next steps as identified in the December 16, 2025, report
- Allocate the identified staff time in the 2026 budget to create a vision consensus toward achieving a coordinated regional lobbying effort to request the Province of BC to:
  - establish an emergency access route as an immediate priority, and
  - continue a phased approach for a viable secondary access road/highway that is open year-round.
- The Board of Directors will send letters to the Minister of Environment and Parks and to Island Health regarding accessibility concerns in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region.
- The Board of Directors appointed Cynthia Dick to the position of Chief Election Officer and Heather Zenner to the position of Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purposes of organizing and conducting the 2026 general local elections for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
- The Board of Directors provided a letter of support for the Alberni Valley Makerspace Society (Makerspace) to support grant applications.
- The Board of Directors adopted:
  - Bylaw R1033-9 Amendment – West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw, 2026
  - Bylaw No. F1148-5, Beaver Creek Local Service Area Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2026
  - Bylaw No. F1144-3, Millstream Water Local Service Area Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2026
  - Bylaw cited as “Bylaw A1085-2, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Officers’ Appointment and Delegation Amendment, 2026”
  - Bylaw cited as “Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. F1173, 2026”
  - Bylaw cited as “Bylaw F1170-6, 2025 to 2029 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan Amendment”
  - Bylaw No. A1094 Respectful Spaces Bylaw, 2026.
  - Bylaw No. PS1008-1, Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw, 2026
- The Board of Directors directed staff to include Proposed Initiative Case 13, Referendum for Service Creation for Annual Grant-in-Aid for the Cherry Creek Community Hall, in the 2026-2030 Draft ACRD Financial Plan.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to include Proposed Initiative Case 14, Leasing of External Office Space, in the 2026-2030 Draft ACRD Financial Plan.
- The Board of Directors authorized staff to submit:
  - A grant application to the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP) for funding toward the construction of a new equipment storage facility at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport and, if the application is successful, the Board directs staff to include the project and associated grant administration in the 2026 and 2027 workplans
  - Submit a grant application to the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP) for funding toward the design and construction of a fuel distribution system at the Alberni Valley Regional Airport and, if the application is successful, the Board directs staff to include the project and associated grant administration in the 2026 and 2027 workplans.
- The Board of Directors will apply to the Union of BC Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Program Fund for the Emergency Operations Centres and Training grant funding stream, in partnership with the City of Port Alberni and direct staff to provide overall grant management, if successful.
- The Board of Directors approved the 2026 ACRD Standing/Select Committee Appointments and Appointments to Outside Boards, Agencies, and Commissions as presented.
- The Board of Directors endorsed the resolutions and directed staff to submit for consideration at the 2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Annual General Meeting and Conference:
  - CC130-H Hercules fleet
  - short-term rentals on ALR land
- The Board of Directors directed staff to:
  - Include the allocation of \$100,000 in the General Government Service in the 2026 budget to take the lead on coordinating the community efforts in addressing retention and recruitment of healthcare providers in the region, including coordinating support of community groups as they advance the development of a multidisciplinary medical clinic/campus of care



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- Bring a more detailed report regarding the costs and timelines associated with establishing a service for acquiring lands of strategic interest
- Develop a framework for how they would advance the development of a multi-disciplinary campus of care and report back
- The Board of Directors directed staff to include Electoral Area "D" Sproat Lake Incorporation Study in the 2026 workplan and 2026-2030 Draft ACRD Financial Plan dependent on secured funding from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to delay Log Train Trail Regulations and the Floodplain Bylaw Development and Implementation to the 2027 workplan.

## PLANNING MATTERS

- **Temporary Use Permits**
  - **Issued**
    - TUP25015 - Long Beach
    - TUP25014 - Sproat Lake
    - TUP25011 - Sproat Lake
  - **Rezoning and Bylaws**
    - **Received three readings:**
      - RE25004 - Beaver Creek
    - **Adopted:**
      - P1526, Sproat Lake Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw
      - P1527, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw
- The Board of Directors forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission:
  - ALC application AE24001 for decision with a recommendation to consider Access Option A or C.
  - ALC application AF25004 to the Agricultural Land Commission for decision.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to provide a referral response to the Comox Valley Regional District indicating that Bylaw No. 810, Comox Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 120, 2010, Amendment No. 2, does not affect the interests of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and adoption of the bylaw is supported following the public hearing.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate the creation of a potential service for Vulnerable Peoples Services in the region and bring a report to the February 11, 2026, Board of Directors meeting.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to develop a volunteer management framework for Parks and Trails aligning with Category 2 and Category 3; if they have the specific skill sets, a formal community group managed program.

## REPORT OUT FROM IN CAMERA

- The following resolution passed in the portion of the Board of Directors meeting that was in camera:
  - THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors rise and report on the in-camera resolutions passed at the November 26, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to enter into a contract with 1188827 BC Ltd, in the amount of \$9,800 per month plus annual adjustments in years two (2) and three (3) based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Bamfield Waterworks Operator Contract and to investigate an amendment to Bylaw F1147 to cover the increased costs and increase capital reserve contributions.

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

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