



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

FEBRUARY 11 & 25, 2026



Members of the ACRD Board of Directors and ACRD staff wore pink on February 25 to recognize Pink Shirt Day. Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia, Pink Shirt Day has spread around the Globe. This year's theme was "Sprinkle a Little Kindness." Wearing pink reminds everyone that bullying is unacceptable and that kindness grows when it is shared.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- The ACRD's Chief Financial Officer, Teri Fong, presented the Draft 2026-2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Hospital District Financial Plan.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- The Board received a presentation on the effects of wildfire smoke on air quality, with a focus on recent wildfires within or close to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and emergency preparedness. It was given by Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer, Island Health, Dr. Nick Davey, Air Quality Meteorologist Ministry of Environment and Parks, Dr. Sarah Henderson, Scientific Director of Environmental Health, BC Centre for Disease Control.
- Mosaic Forest Management representatives Jimmie Hodgson, Vice President Sustainability and Chief Forester and Colin Koszman, Manager Community Relations, gave a general update on Mosaic.
- Fred Kramer, Lynn Machacek, Colleen Dane, HDR, made a presentation on the Alberni Valley Rail Corridor Study's Final Report.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

- The Board of Directors provided a letter of support to the Alberni District Fall Fair Association regarding their grant application to the Tourism Destination Events Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Chair: John Jack**
Huu-ay-aht First Nations
- Councillor Debbie Haggard**
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- Director Bob Beckett**
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- Director Vaida Siga**
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- Director Susan Roth**
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- Director Mike Sparrow**
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West Bamfield submarine line replacement project



(Left) Christine Gruman (community volunteer for the Bamfield Area Services Committee), MLA Josie Osborne, Bamfield (Area "A") Director Bob Beckett, Lake Butler and Les Butler (Bamfield water crew), Huu-ay-aht First Nations Deputy Chief Edward R. Johnson, ACRD Operations Manager Eddie Kunderman, Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor John Jack (Chair of the ACRD Board of Directors) cut the ribbon to officially wrap up the submarine line project. (Above) Josie Osborne lifts a section of the waterline.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

- In response to a letter from Pacific Rim School District regarding the replacement of Alberni District Secondary School turf field, the Board of Directors invited the School District Board of Trustees to a future Board of Directors meeting to discuss service area considerations, potential partnership models, and how this project may align with Regional District priorities.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to work with Makerspace in their application to expand their leased area and support their expansion efforts.

REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- The Board of Directors awarded:
 - The Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department Feasibility Study contract to Waymark Architecture in the amount of \$79,430 (excluding GST).
 - The Solid Waste Recycling and Reduction Education, Outreach, and Engagement Consultant contract to Let's Talk Trash in the amount of \$87,800 (excluding GST) per year on a one-year term with the option of renewing for an additional one-year term.
- The Board of Directors adopted the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Procedure Bylaw No. A1093, 2026.
- The Board of Directors approved partnering with the Alberni Valley Enhancement Society (AVES) to apply to the Community Participation Funding Program and authorized the ACRD to receive grant-funded contributions from the AVES to support engagement, consultation, and data-collection activities associated with the Sproat Lake Marine Patrol.

PLANNING MATTERS

- **Development Variance Permits**
 - Considered and directed to proceed with public notification:
 - **DVD26001** - Sproat Lake
- **Temporary Use Permits**
 - Issued with conditions:
 - **TUP22007R** - Long Beach
 - Considered and directed to proceed with public notification:
 - **TUP25013** - Sproat Lake
- **Rezoning and Bylaws**
 - First reading to be considered a future date:
 - **RD25005** - Sproat Lake - Bylaws P1536 and P1537
 - First reading and public hearing to be held:
 - **RF24008** - Cherry Creek - Bylaws P1533, P1534, and P1535
 - Adopted:
 - **RE25004** - Beaver Creek - Bylaw P1532, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Atlas Amendment Bylaw
- **MISC25003** - Sproat Lake - The Board of Directors directed a public meeting to be held to gather input on the amendment of Restrictive Covenants registered to the property at 10412 Lakeshore Road that would allow for the proposed development of up to 11 dwelling units, each with a maximum floor area of 2,000 square feet.