



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



CAO Daniel Sailland, Vice Chair Deb Haggard, and Chair John Jack recognized Chief Financial Officer Teri Fong for her 18 years of service with the Regional District. Teri said her final goodbyes at the last meeting in March as she has accepted a new position in the community. Everyone at the ACRD wishes her well in her new endeavours.

APRIL 8 & 22, 2026

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Lenora Lee, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, and Cameron Rice-Gural, Senior Manager, KPMG, presented the 2025 audit findings for ACRD
- Michelle Hall, Campaign and Donor Relations Lead for the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, spoke to the Board of Directors about their Grant-in-Aid application.
- Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses' CEO Patrick Schmidt and Tourism Development Manager Adrien Mullin made a presentation to the Board regarding HGB's Temporary Use Permit application for 390 Grappler Rd., Bamfield
- ACRD Operations Manager Eddie Kunderman was recognized for five years of service with the Regional District.

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

Director Mike Sparrow

Electoral Area "F" Cherry Creek

Mayor Sharie Minions

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?ath Government

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

- The Board of Directors appointed Director Bob Beckett, with Chair John Jack as an alternate, to the organizing committee for the FIFA 2026 activities in the Alberni Valley.
- The Board of Directors will issue a letter of support:
 - To Agrohope Farms & Products Inc.'s proposed regional immediate economic stabilization initiative addressing the underinsured business crisis. The Board also asked that Agrohope request a similar letter from the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Endorsing the advancement of legislation to modernize the Island Coastal Economic Trust to position the Trust for long-term impact through strategic provincial investment.

REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

- The Board of Directors approved the 2025 Audited Financial Statements for the ACRD.
- The Board of Directors will request that the City of Port Alberni refer all Agricultural Land Commission applications in the region to the ACRD Agricultural Advisory Committee for input.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to write a letter to B.C. Transit requesting the initiation of a feasibility study into the viability of interregional transit service between Port Alberni and the Regional District of Nanaimo, as identified in the Port Alberni Transit Future Service Plan.
- 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 Cherry Creek Hall Grant Service Establishment referendum for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.



APRIL 8 & 22, 2026 (CONTINUED)

REQUEST FOR DECISIONS (CONTINUED)

- The Board of Directors requested that staff develop a Log Train Trail implementation plan for communicating with the public.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- The Board of Directors awarded the West Coast Transit Bus Shelter Installation, Planning, and Design contract to R.F. Binnie and Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$81,960 (excluding GST).

STAFF REPORTS

- The OCP team offered the Board of Directors an update on the Area "C" Official Community Plan Update. The Phase 4 Community Engagement Summary Report, April 2026 was received

REPORTING OUT FROM IN CAMERA

- **January 28, 2026** - The Board of Directors granted permission to issue a letter of support for Coulson Aviation's application to the "Launch the North: Accelerating Canada's Sovereign Access to Space" program.
- **March 11, 2026** - The Board of Directors appointed member-at-large Roberta Jensen, and previous Directors John McNabb and Stefan Ochman to the 2026 Board Remuneration Committee.
- **April 8, 2026** - The Board of Directors appointed Janessa Dornstauder to a three-year term on the ACRD Board of Variance.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Miscellaneous Referral
 - TMISC25003 - Sproat Lake - The Board of Directors proceed with amendments to Restrictive Covenants FB194074 and FB194076, registered to the property, to allow for the proposed development of up to 11 dwelling units, each with a maximum floor area of 2,000 square feet, and two road accesses into the property from Aldan Road. Staff will work with the applicant to ensure any neighbourhood disturbances are addressed.

PLANNING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

- Development Variance Permits
 - Considered and directed to proceed with public notification:
 - **DVD25012** - Sproat Lake
 - **DVE25013** - Beaver Creek

Permits issued:

- Temporary Use Permits:
 - Received First, Second, and Third Readings
 - Considered and directed to proceed with public notification:
 - **TUP25016** - Bamfield
 - **TUP25017** - Sproat Lake
 - **TUP25018** - Sproat Lake
 - **TUP26001** - Beaufort
- Rezoning and Bylaws
 - First reading
 - **RE22009** - Beaver Creek
 - Bylaws **P1465, P1466 and P1482** - The Board of Directors gave first reading to Bylaws P1465 (Beaver Creek OCP Amendment Bylaw), P1466 (Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw), and P1482 (Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw), delegated a public hearing to be held, and confirmed that adoption will be subject to conditions.
 - Adopted:
 - **RD25005** - Sproat Lake
 - Bylaws **P1536 and P1537** - Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw and Zoning Atlas Amendment Bylaw



The ACRD (white) and City of Port Alberni (red) held their annual hockey game in March. Although the ACRD scored first, the City of Port Alberni walked away from the game with the trophy. We'll get you next time!