



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

**JULY 22, 30, AND AUGUST 26, 2026**

### DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Chloe Dubois from Ocean Legacy Foundation made a presentation on the Marine Plastic Waste Diversion and Processing project.
- Rob Anderson, a Director at the Alberni Golf Club, made a presentation to the Board requesting a 2027 Tax Exemption for the club.
- Sproat Lake Marine Patrol members Aaron Torfs, Ryann Tramer and Logan Jager gave their annual year-end presentation to the Board.

### PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Patrick Schmidt, CEO of Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses, spoke about progress made on Agenda Item 12 (a) (1) TUP26002, to facilitate the development of a commercial campground in Bamfield. He clarified that they have received a letter of assurance from the engineering firm McElhanney confirming there is sufficient water to meet fire flow requirements. Clarified that they have met with Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Zayonc to ensure the fire plan, truck access, and turnaround area are sufficient. Clarified that the use of the Temporary Use Permit process is to be able to use the property while awaiting rezoning.

### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

- The Board of Directors supported Motion M-35 calling for fair, stable, long-term federal operational funding for BC Ferries and directed staff to write to the federal government urging modernization of ferry funding, recognition of BC Ferries as essential infrastructure, copying MP Gord Johns, the local Member of Parliament.



Logan Jager, Ryann Tramer, Aaron Torfs, and Davin Ralla made up the Sproat Lake Marine Patrol this summer.

### CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

- The Board of Directors signed a joint letter of interest to the Government of Canada and to the Province to consider the Alberni Valley as a pilot region under the Federal Regional Development Fund to help fund a structure of collaboration that lets parties at the table plan together to attract new investment into the Alberni Valley.
- The Board of Directors adopted bylaw cited as *"Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Board Member Remuneration, Expenses and Benefit Bylaw No. A1095, 2026"* to come into effect following the local government elections in the fall of 2026.
- The Board of Directors adopted the Log Train Trail Regional Park Regulation Bylaw No. R1039, 2026, which establishes a regulatory framework for the Log Train Trail Regional Park Corridor.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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#### Director Penny Cote

Electoral Area "D" Sproat Lake

#### Director Susan Roth

Electoral Area "E" Beaver Creek

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Electoral Area "F" Cherry Creek

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#### Councillor Tom Stere

District of Tofino

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District of Ucluelet

#### Councillor Kirsten Johnsen

Toquaht Nation

#### Councillor Moriah Cootes

Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

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## **CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION & INFORMATION**

- The Board of Directors approved the Licence of Occupation between the Province of BC and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for the Log Train Trail Corridor for a five-year term to June 30, 2031. They directed staff to implement the transition of the Log Train Trail corridor to a multi-modal recreational trail in accordance with the Licence of Occupation, including measures to prohibit unauthorized motorized vehicle access at designated non-motorized access points along the corridor.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw R1033-11 Amendment – West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw, 2026* to increase the cost of mattress and boxspring tipping fees at both ACRD landfills.
- The Board of Directors approved the Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission Grant Service Establishing Bylaw referendum question as follows:
  - Are you in favour of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District adopting *Bylaw No. E1069, "Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission Grant Service Establishing Bylaw, 2026"* for the purpose of creating a new service in Electoral Area F 'Cherry Creek', that will allow an annual financial contribution to the Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission to fund the costs of operating and/or maintaining the capital infrastructure of the Cherry Creek Community Hall or a portion thereof, at a maximum annual tax requisition amount of \$25,000, or \$0.0408/\$1,000 on the net taxable value of land and improvements, whichever is greater?
- The Board of Directors will offer support to the District of Tofino's renewal application for the 2027-2032 Municipal and Regional District Tax at a rate of three percent.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to prepare a 2027 Tax Exemption Bylaw for the Alberni Valley Golf Club and the Long Beach Recreation Cooperative for the next Board meeting.

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

- The Board of Directors gave third reading to *Bylaw E1052-8, Beaver Creek Fire Protection Service Area Amendment, 2026*, To expand the boundaries of the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department service area to include property located on Granville Road.
- The Board of Directors approved the funding application to the Local Impact Stream of the PacifiCan Building Communities Strong Fund to upgrade the power capacity at the West Coast Landfill.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw F1174-3, 2026 to 2030 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan Amendment for the West Coast Landfill* to complete the West Coast Landfill DOCP.
- The Board of directors authorized up to \$510,000 to be borrowed, under Section 403 of the Local Government Act, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of purchasing a fire boat and related upgrades for the Sproat Lake Fire Protection Service and that the loan be repaid within five years, with no rights of renewal.

## **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- The Board of Directors awarded the West Coast Landfill Design, Operating, and Closure Plan contract to Stantec Consulting Limited to a maximum of \$103,115.25 excluding GST.
- The Board of Directors awarded the Sproat Lake Fire Boat contract to Riptide Marine Sales Limited in the amount of \$373,168.83 excluding GST.

## **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

- The Board of Directors will provide a letter of support to Tseshaht First Nation indicating support for their Additions to Reserve application to include a newly purchased property on Bell Road.
- The Board of Directors will provide a letter of support to the Alberni Valley Rescue Squad for its Capital Gaming Grant application seeking funding to replace its primary rescue response vehicle and enhance emergency response capabilities throughout the Alberni Valley and surrounding region.



**Family Farms Day  
September 20!**



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JULY 22, 30, AND AUGUST 26, 2026 (CONTINUED)

## PLANNING MATTERS

- Temporary Use Permits:
  - Permits considered subject to conditions:
    - **TUP25007** – Sproat Lake
  - Permits issued:
    - **TUP26002** – Bamfield
- Rezoning and Bylaws
  - Rezoning **RB26004** – First Reading – Beaufort
    - The Board gave first reading to *Bylaws P1543 and P1544* and delegated a public hearing to be held by the Area Director.
  - Rezoning RD25006 – Three Readings – Sproat Lake
    - The Board gave three readings to Bylaw P1541 and confirmed that adoption will be subject to the property owner agreeing to the registration of Restrictive Covenants to secure connection to the neighbouring strata communal sewer system and maintaining a landscape buffer around the building, and the confirmation that Sproat Lake Fire Department can provide adequate fire protection to the site.
  - Rezoning RE22009– Public Hearing Report–Beaver Creek
    - The Board of Directors added additional conditions of approval to the adoption of Bylaws P1465, P1466, and P1482 that includes the applicants agreeing to a Restrictive Covenant requiring no year-round or permanent occupation of a campsite and the applicants agreeing to a phased approach to building out the number of campsites permitted in the zoning.
    - Bylaws P1465, P1466, and P1482 received second and third readings.
  - Rezoning RE21021– Bylaw P1449 adopted – Beaver Creek
- Parcel Frontage Waiver - SE25014PFW - Beaver Creek
  - The Board of Directors waived the 10% road frontage requirement, as per Section 512 of the Local Government Act, for proposed Lot 3 as shown on the subdivision plan for the property.
- The Board received the Beaufort Official Community Plan 'What we Heard' report for the public survey and initial public engagement that has been conducted on the Beaufort OCP update project.

## MEMBER REPORTS

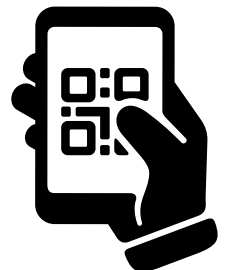
- Director Cote reported that Water level in Sproat Lake is extremely low and salmon are struggling in the rivers to make their way to the lake to spawn. The Somass Fish Flow Committee is working on solutions for this to support the salmon cycle and the local fishing industry.
- Director Solda indicated that City of Port Alberni recently adopted their new Official Community Plan, the artwork for the middle of the new roundabout will be installed in September, and the City will conduct engagement regarding the future of the Somass Lands in the fall.

## General Local Elections

**October 17, 2026**

## ELECTION INFO

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