



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

SEPTEMBER 9 & 23**DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- Kara Mackenzie, owner of Solstice Farm, requested an amendment to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 15, the primary land-use regulation bylaw that governs how land can be used and developed in the ACRD. She requested it align with Agricultural Land Commission regulations for agri-tourism uses. The Board of Directors directed staff to investigate workplan and cost estimates to prepare amendments to the ACRD Zoning Bylaw to allow agri-tourism uses in alignment with Agricultural Land Commission regulations and to include as part of the 2027 budget discussions.
- CEO of Coulson Aviation Wayne Coulson and Britton Coulson, President and COO of Coulson Aviation made a presentation regarding the proposed airport Bylaw R1035-2 and a request to defer its consideration pending additional disclosure and consultation.
- Nene Kraneveldt, Owner and Founder of Imagination FX, and Karen Taylor, General Manager of Emergency and Fire Services at the ACRD, presented the West Coast Emergency Cultural Awareness and Safety Plan.



**WEARING ORANGE IN SEPTEMBER FOR
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION**



In honour of September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the staff at the ACRD wore orange on Mondays throughout the month. The ACRD Board of Directors wore their orange shirts at the Regular Board Meeting on September 23. The staff also volunteered with the Truth and Reconciliation event in the Alberni Valley.

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**SEPTEMBER 9 & 23, 2026 (CONTINUED)****REQUEST FOR DECISIONS**

- The Board of Directors adopted *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 adopted *Tofino-Ucluelet Airport Fees Amendment Bylaw R1016-9, 2026*. The amendment updates vehicle parking fees at the Long Beach Airport, introduces weekly and annual parking rates, and better aligns the fee structure with neighbouring jurisdictions. The updated fees are intended to provide additional parking options and support the long-term financial sustainability of the parking program.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw No. F1175, West Coast Transit Fees and Charges Bylaw Repeal, 2026*, as BC Transit now operates the West Coast Transit service, negating the need for ACRD Transit fares.
- The Board of Directors directed staff to develop a policy for the approval and administration of leases at Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District airports.
- The Board of Directors approved the Temporary Construction Laydown Area Policy for Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District airports.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Tax Exemption Bylaw No. F1176* to the Long Beach Recreation Cooperative and the Alberni Golf Club, for 2027.
- The Board of Directors postponed a decision on *Bylaw No. R1035-2, Alberni Valley Regional Airport Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw, 2026* until October 15, 2026.
- The Board of Directors adopted *Bylaw No. F1147-6, Bamfield Water Local Service Area Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2026* to increase the Bamfield Water System rates by \$3 per month per service connection, effective January 1, 2027. The Board of Directors directed staff to prioritize the creation of a Long-Term Financial Plan for the Bamfield Water System.



On September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, more than 1,000 people walked together from Maht Mahs Gym to the Alberni Athletic Hall in an act of reconciliation. Many of the staff from the ACRD took personal time to join the walk and volunteer for set-up, serving, organizing, and clean-up duties.

- The Board of Directors directed staff to continue the Green Haul Organics \$25 punch pass program to maintain an affordable and flexible composting option for residents while supporting waste diversion and environmental objectives. They also directed staff to create a program for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional organics diversion by the end of 2026.
- The Board of Directors adopted the West Coast Community Sort'nGrow Compost Donation Policy to establish parameters for distributing compost to eligible projects that benefit West Coast communities, including community gardens, public spaces, school beautification initiatives and community events.

**SEPTEMBER 9 & 23, 2026 (CONTINUED)****REQUEST FOR DECISIONS (CONTINUED)**

- The Board of Directors adopted *West Coast Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. R1033-12, 2026*. The amendment adds wetsuits to Schedule C, Prohibited Waste, to formalize the existing diversion pathway and direct wetsuits to established repair, reuse, recycling and upcycling programs rather than disposal at the West Coast Landfill. The amendment will take effect on November 1, 2026.
- The Board of Directors approved the West Coast Emergency Cultural Awareness and Safety Plan and directed staff to collaborate with First Nations, municipal partners, and emergency management organizations to advance implementation of the plan's recommendations.
- After receiving the report on equitable employment and affirming its commitment to reducing barriers to employment for Indigenous peoples and fostering a workplace that is representative, inclusive, and welcoming, the Board of Directors directed staff to develop an equitable employment initiatives implementation plan for Board consideration as part of the 2027-2031 Financial Plan, budget, and work planning process. The Board of Directors supports in principle the development of an Equitable Employment Policy and directs staff to circulate the draft policy for feedback and refinement prior to returning it to the Board for final approval.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- The Board of Directors provided a letter of support for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations application for three Level 2 public EV charging ports at the Huu?ii Cultural and Visitor Centre in Anacla.
- The Board of Directors provided a letter of support for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' efforts to secure funding for the development of an emergency building in Anacla.

STAFF REPORTS

- Karen Taylor, General Manager of Emergency and Fire Services, presented the 2025 Fire Services Annual Report. The Board of Directors accepted the report and directed staff to prepare thank you letters to the volunteer fire departments in the ACRD to thank the volunteers for their service and dedication signed by Chair, Vice-Chair, and relevant Electoral Area Directors.

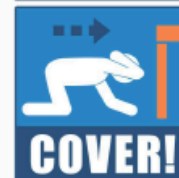
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- Temporary Use Permits:
 - Permits considered a first time and proceeding to public input:
 - **TUP26003** - Long Beach - Bylaw P1545 - first reading
 - **TUP 26005** - Long Beach
 - Permits issued:
 - **TUP25007** - Sproat Lake