



# Around our Region



## Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meeting - August 2021



### AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

#### DELEGATIONS

**Brenda Sauve, Environmental Services Coordinator**, received recognition for 10 years of service with the Regional District.

**Ken Sanders, President, Alberni Golf Club** reported on activities of the Club over the past year and requested the Board consider a property tax exemption for 2022.

**Hannah Ramsey & Marlena Locke, Sprout Lake Marine Patrol** reported on the activities of the SLMP this past summer including educating the public on boating safety and assisting at the boat launch. They also implemented a social media program and gained over 435 followers!

#### DISPERSED CAMPING TASK FORCE

The Board supported, in principle, engaging with the Whistler Center for Sustainability to develop a more robust and longer-term strategy for the dispersed camping issues in the Regional District. This proposal would see the development of a strategy plan and action items over the quieter winter months in anticipation of next year's busy summer camping season.

#### BYLAW E1052-5, BEAVER CREEK FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT

After receiving three readings at the July 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the Board adopted Bylaw E1052-5 to allow for the inclusion of two properties on Cameron Rd into the boundaries of the Beaver Creek Fire Protection Service Area.

#### NEW FEDERAL STATUTORY HOLIDAY: NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

The Board will recognize September 30<sup>th</sup> as an annual holiday to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour the survivors, their families, and communities. They will also collaborate with local First Nations and community leaders to explore ways to respectfully mark Truth and Reconciliation Day in the region annually.

#### REGIONAL DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENTS REVIEW

The Board will commission consultant Dave Mitchell & Associates to conduct a review of the three ACRD volunteer fire departments: Bamfield, Beaver Creek and Sprout Lake. The purpose of the review will be to explore options to reduce liability, identify opportunities for improvement, and develop recommendations to support the continued operation of each department.

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INEO EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING INC.

The Board will provide a letter of support for INEO Employment Services' grant application to fund a pilot program to recycle recreational vehicles (RV's) within the Alberni Valley. This pilot project would be structured as a social enterprise which would research and train 3-4 individuals to actively break down RV's for recyclable and reusable materials.

### Board of Directors

**Chair: John Jack**  
(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

**Vice-Chair: John McNabb**  
(Electoral Area "E"  
Beaver Creek)

**Director Bob Beckett**  
(Electoral Area "A"  
Bamfield)

**Director Tanya Shannon**  
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Beaufort)

**Director Kel Roberts**  
(Electoral Area "C"  
Long Beach)

**Director: Penny Cote**  
(Electoral Area "D"  
Sprout Lake)

**Director Dianne Bodnar**  
(Electoral Area "F"  
Cherry Creek)

**Mayor Sharie Minions**  
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**Councillor Wilfred Cootes**  
(Uchucklesaht Tribe  
Government)

**Councillor Alan McCarthy**  
(Yuutu?i?ath Government)

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: [responses@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca)

**Alberni Valley & Bamfield Services Committee** – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 pm; via Zoom

**Board of Directors** – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Electoral Area Directors Committee** – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee** – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm; via Zoom

**Board of Directors** – September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 pm; ACRD Boardroom/Zoom

**Bamfield Water Committee** – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm; via Zoom

*This is not the official minutes, but an information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. For more information visit the ACRD Website at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail [wthomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wthomson@acrd.bc.ca).*

### ACRD Office Hours

8am-4:30pm

Monday-Friday.

As of August 25<sup>th</sup>, masks must be worn in all indoor public spaces to help slow the transmission of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

